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TOWN of ASHFIELD

MASSACHUSETTS

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Officers and Committees

OF THE TOWN OF

ASHFIELD

MASSACHUSETTS



For the Year Ending 1991

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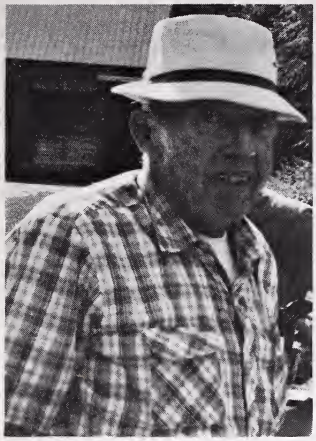
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Dedication



Malcolm S. Clark is a true "native son." He has spent all of his life in Ashfield and with his wife, Pauline, raised a family of three sons on the family dairy and fruit farm. His brother, Richard, managed the orchard while Malcolm ran the dairy until his retirement in the summer of 1983. He and his son, Dana, currently operate Clark Orchards.

In addition to raising a family and handling these business endeavors, Malcolm willingly found time, and that adds up to thousands of hours, to serve the town he loves. . . . Way, way back in 1968, on March 2nd to be exact, Malcolm was elected to the Board of Assessors. He learned his lessons well under "The Master, Warren Chase," and has continually fine tuned his technique over the last 24 years, assuming chairmanship of the Board in May 1982. He served on the Finance Committee from 1968 to 1983 and worked closely with the Selectmen on all phases of Town finances.

We will sorely miss the sight of his familiar blue pickup (?) patiently waiting because he just had to stop this very minute to measure and inspect some property. We know he will never stop looking, however!

His vast knowledge and understanding of Town government is unique. Through his initiative and perseverance (very much like Johnny Appleseed) Ashfield now has a fine set of Tax Maps of which he can be very proud. Malcolm has seen many changes in assessing from manual calculations to computer analysis and the required classification of property and triennial certification of all property valuations by the Department of Revenue.

Malcolm, though retired from public service, we expect you to keep your ready smile, delightful wit and amusing yarns on tap for us. It is with deep respect and appreciation that we dedicate this report to you and your supportive family.

UNITED STATES SENATORS

Edward M. Kennedy, Boston
432 Russell State Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

John Kerry, Boston
Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

John W. Olver, Amherst
1118 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-2101

GOVERNOR

William F. Weld, Cambridge

STATE SENATOR

Stanley C. Rosenberg, Amherst
Room 413F, State House
Boston, Massachusetts 02133

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Jonathan L. Healy, Charlemont
Room 33, State House
Boston, Massachusetts 02133

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Margaret Striebel, Chairman, Gill
Term expires January, 1993

Gregory P. Wells, Conway (resigned)
John J. Stobierski, Whately (appointed)
Term expires January, 1993

Mary L. Forbes, Greenfield
Term expires January, 1994

Town Officers

The Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors hold regular weekly meetings every Monday evening at the Town Offices in the Town Hall from 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

MODERATOR
MICHAEL E.C. GERY

AUDITOR
GEORGE C. MONK

1 yr. terms

TOWN CLERK
C. LORRAINE GORDON

TREASURER
JANET M. SWEM

TREE WARDEN
ROBERT A. LAPOINTE

TAX COLLECTOR 3 yr. term

MARIAN C. FITZGERALD	Term expires 1994

BOARD OF SELECTMEN 3 yr. term

NANCY ANDERSON, Chr.	Term expires 1992
THOMAS S. CARTER	Term expires 1993
JOHN L. MATTIS	Term expires 1994

BOARD OF ASSESSORS 3 yr. term

MALCOLM S. CLARK, Chr.	Term expires 1992
RICHARD H. GOUGEON	Term expires 1993
PETER H. WIITANEN	Term expires 1994

FINANCE COMMITTEE 3 yr. term

THOMAS G. CRANSTON, Chr.	Term expires 1992
PATRICIA D. LIBBY	Term expires 1992
WILLIAM S. FAIRCHILD	Term expires 1993
MATHILDA NAVIAS	Term expires 1993
CYNTHIA R. CLARKE	Term expires 1994

SANDERSON SCHOOL COMMITTEE 3 yr. term

ANDREA OCIESA SEARS	Term expires 1992
DAVID W. MAGEE III, Chr.	Term expires 1993
ABIGAIL A. WILSON	Term expires 1994

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE 3 yr. term

THOMAS ULRICH	Term expires 1992
ABIGAIL A. WILSON, Representative from Ashfield	

BOARD OF HEALTH 3 yr. term

THOMAS S. LEUE, Chr.	Term expires 1992
PETER H. WIITANEN (resigned 1/6/92)	Term expires 1993
DUNCAN B. COLTER (app't 1/6/92)	Appt. expires 1992
HARRY L. DODSON	Term expires 1994

CONSTABLES 3 yr. term

JOHN A. LaBELLE	Term expires 1992
STEVEN W. GREENMAN	Term expires 1992
GARY M. SIBILIA	Term expires 1992

PARK COMMISSIONERS 3 yr. term

ROBERT W. GRAHAM	Term expires 1992
DANA A. McNAY, Chr.	Term expires 1993
HOLLY M. TIRRELL	Term expires 1994

PLANNING BOARD 5 yr. term

RICHARD M. CHANDLER (resigned 6/12/91)	Term expires 1992
EDWARD G. LAGOY (app't 8/26/91)	Appt. expires 1992
GRACE E. LESURE	Term expires 1993
MARK P. SPEES	Term expires 1994
ANNE YURYAN	Term expires 1995
JOEL ARSENAULT	Term expires 1996

LIBRARY TRUSTEES 5 yr. term

RICHARD M. EVANS	Term expires 1992
DIANA M. BENNETT	Term expires 1993
D. TIERTZA LEAH SCHWARTZ, Chr.	Term expires 1994
GEORGE C. MONK	Term expires 1995
ELLEN M. MILLER	Term expires 1996

The following offices are filled by Appointment:

BOARD OF APPEALS

JOHN F. McNIFF, Chr.	June 1992
KENNETH A. LILLY, Assoc.	June 1992
M. DIANNE MULLER	June 1993
CLAYTON C. CRAFT	June 1994
STUART A. HARRIS, Assoc.	June 1994

ARTS COUNCIL

J. WILLIAM HOTH	June 1992
RICHARD G. MULLER, JR.	June 1992
SANDRA J. CARTER	June 1992
SUSAN McGOWAN	June 1992
NORMAN L. RUSSELL, Chr.	June 1992
STEVEN P. SMITHERS	June 1993
ELICE D. PIEROPAN	June 1993

ASHFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION

SUSAN McGOWAN, Treas.	June 1992
ANNE YURYAN	June 1992
DEANNE T. BROCHU (resigned 6/28/91)	June 1993
ELIZABETH B. BEEBE (app't 9/9/91)	June 1993
RUTH J. CRAFT (appt' 2/25/91)	June 1993
RICHARD H. TURNER	June 1994

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

RICHARD G. MULLER, JR.	June 1992
DONALD WEBER, Sec.	June 1992
ALAN G. SUPRENANT, Chr.	June 1993
DANIEL PHELPS (app't 8/26/91)	June 1994
DONALD LESURE (app't 8/26/91)	June 1994

COUNCIL ON AGING

MARIANNA T. GRAVES (resigned 2/11/91)	June 1992
GEORGE C. MONK	June 1992
FERN D. NYE	June 1993
CASSANDRA B. NAWROCKI	June 1993
SYLVIA MONK, Chr.	June 1994

ENERGY RESOURCES COMMISSION

ALICE PRATT	June 1992
PHILIP E. PLESS, Chr.	June 1992
CURTIS E. PICHETTE	June 1993
THOMAS A. McCRUMM	June 1994
CHRISTINE REID	June 1994

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

JUNE M. FITZGERALD (resigned 5/6/91)	SUSAN A. GAMBINO (app't 5/6/91)
PAULINE J. NYE (resigned 11/25/91)	SUSAN L. SIBILIA (app't 11/25/91)
C. LORRAINE GORDON	JANICE W. SCOTT

AMBULANCE SERVICE
DOUGLAS MOLLISON, Director

CHIEF OF POLICE
GARY M. SIBILIA

FIRE CHIEF & FOREST WARDEN
DOUGLAS M. FIELD

BUILDING INSPECTOR PROGRAM
VICTOR STALEY, Building Inspector

WIRING, PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTION PROGRAM
EDWARD F. MARCHEFKA, Wiring Inspector
PAULIN J. BUKOWSKI, Plumbing & Gas Inspector

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR
CARMEN J. DeLUCA, JR.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT
LESLIE C. LADD

VETERAN'S AGENT
EUGENE E. BALAZS

BURIAL AGENT, ACTING
RALPH E. TOWNSLEY

DOG OFFICER
WARREN KIRKPATRICK

ASSISTANT DOG OFFICER
TODD KIRKPATRICK

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS
KIM REARDON

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
BRUCE E. WILLARD

FIELD DRIVERS
E. WILL HEISER
ROLAND E. TOWNSLEY

FENCE VIEWERS
ALDEN J. GRAY

SURVEYOR OF WOOD & LUMBER
RAMON R. SEARS

FREDERICK W. WELLS TRUSTEE
DOUGLAS M. CHANDLER — May 1993

Selectmen's Report

Fiscal '91 and '92 has been a year of various projects. Projects being completed, projects being started and projects "on hold" that are once again rearing their ugly heads.

In the last twelve months, town projects completed include repairs to Burnett's Bridge and alteration of a section of Barnes Road, which has been completed for less than the original budget, partially due to the donation of several hundred yards of gravel and fill by the Poissants. This re-alignment has eliminated a steep dropoff and two blind corners which existed previously.

The town purchased a new sander for the highway department pickup and a used pickup for the purpose of saving hundreds of miles per month on the dump trucks.

The town offices received a new hot water heating system this year. This project was undertaken in order to preserve the life of our old hot air furnaces which are needed to heat the upper and lower halls and to more efficiently heat offices which see daily activity by town boards and committees. This board is very much aware that many more tasks need to be undertaken to restore and renovate the Town Hall to make it possible for officials, committees, employees and residents to meet and work effectively.

With the acceptance of Enhanced 911 at last year's town meeting, a volunteer committee drew up a plan to rename some of the town roads and implement a town-wide numbering system. This clarification of street names will make street locations much less confusing for everyone, especially members of our emergency services.

We can take pride in the operation of our transfer station and the innovative recycling areas which are proving to be a role model for other communities to follow. We take this opportunity to thank all those enthusiastic and energetic individuals who made it happen.

A K-12 Regional School Committee has been meeting to consider ramifications of forming a K-12 region. Although the pros and cons are being researched and some of the issues have been resolved, further progress is on hold at this time due to the uncertainty of the direction the state will take on Education Reform.

And, the "Sewer Phantom" is still out there! Fortunately, with the help of our Board of Health, legislators, senators and other concerned individuals, we succeeded in holding off termination of the Federal and State Grants for the sewer project but have a schedule of deadlines we must meet in order to retain this funding. The Board of Health and Weston & Sampson Engineers are keeping a close watch on the Harwich solar aquatics operation and are hopeful that it will be approved by the state in time for Ashfield to utilize this type of technology.

Financially, the town is sound but we are still paying off long-term debts and we must begin to build our cash reserves to prepare for capital outlays which are looming on the horizon.

Although we rarely take the time to personally express our appreciation to the department heads and volunteer boards for their unflagging efforts on behalf of the Town of Ashfield, we publicly acknowledge it was only with their cooperation and support that we successfully made it through another interesting and frustrating municipal year.

THOMAS S. CARTER
JOHN L. MATTIS
Board of Selectmen

Town Auditor's Report

This is to certify that I have examined the books and the official audit for the Town of Ashfield and find them in good order.

GEORGE C. MONK
Town Auditor

Financial Statement

July 1, 1990 - June 30, 1991

AMBULANCE FUND

Balance Forward, 7/1/91		$ 9,648.31
Earnings, Gifts & Interest		3,635.73
		$ 13,284.04
Ambulance Insp. & Repairs	$ 30.20	
Medical Equipment	848.80	
Defibrillator	5,062.07	
Insurance	579.00	
Radios & Repairs	987.01	
Training	673.50	
Uniforms	1,120.25	
	$ 9,300.83	
Ambulance Fund Total		$ 3,983.21

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Appropriation		$ 25,128.00
Eleanor M. Ward	$ 25,128.00	

ASSESSORS' EXPENSES

Appropriation		$ 15,650.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		139.61
		$ 15,789.61
Office Supplies	$ 285.23	
Registry of Deeds	103.50	
Secretarial	12,240.99	
Dues & Postage	83.00	
Seminars & Travel Expense	159.40	
Computer Programs & Maintenance	2,723.75	
Excise Bills & Fees	193.74	
	$ 15,789.61	

ASSESSORS' CERTIFICATION

Balance Forward		$ 4,000.00
Patriot Properties	$ 1,150.00	
Balance Forward		$ 2,850.00

ASSESSORS' TAX MAPS

Balance Forward		$ 1,000.00
United Mapping	$ 1,000.00	

AUDIT & ACCOUNTING

Appropriation		$ 2,750.00
SCANCO & Assoc.	$ 2,750.00	

BELDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Appropriation		$ 7,400.00
Belding Memorial Library	$ 7,400.00	

BELDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY RENOVATIONS

Balance Forward	$ 30,000.00

BLUE CROSS - BLUE SHIELD

Appropriation		$ 23,500.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		2,648.36
		$ 26,148.36
Expended	$ 26,148.36	

BOARD OF APPEALS

Appropriation		$ 360.00
Dues	$ 50.00	
Filing Fees	40.75	
Advertising	28.36	
Secretarial	56.00	
	$ 175.11	
Balance to General Fund		$ 184.89

BONDS

Appropriation		$ 800.00
Expended	$ 787.50	
Balance to General Fund		$ 12.50

BUILDING INSPECTOR PROGRAM

Appropriation		$ 21,268.05
FCCBIP	$ 21,268.05	

BURNETT BRIDGE REPAIRS

Balance Forward	$ 4,810.00

CABLE TV LICENSE

Appropriation		$ 1,000.00
Advertising	$ 544.50	
Balance to General Fund		$ 455.50

CARE OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES

Appropriation		$ 350.00
Burial Ground Assoc.	$ 350.00	

CHAPTER 15 - CONSTRUCTION

Balance Forward		$ 20,956.00
Culverts	$ 2,446.91	
Unexpended balance forward		$ 18,509.09
State Share Forward		$ 59,044.00

CHAPTER 199 - CONSTRUCTION

Balance Forward		$ 10,297.00
State Share Forward		29,703.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		5.36
		$ 40,005.36
Asphalt	$ 22,461.92	
Gravel	402.50	
Stone	8,858.80	
Hired Equipment	2,167.00	
Payroll	1,082.62	
Culverts	5,032.52	
	$ 40,005.36	

CHAPTER 206 - CONSTRUCTION

Balance Forward		$ 11,022.00
State Share Forward		26,472.81
		$ 37,494.81
Bituminous Concrete	$ 16,920.55	
Culverts	1,613.89	
Gravel	1,131.80	
Payroll	6,607.26	
Hired Equipment	7,674.50	
Guardrails	3,506.88	
Supplies	39.93	
	$ 37,494.81	

CHAPTER 497 - GENERAL HIGHWAY

Balance Forward		$ 688.33
Appropriation		65,000.00
Ranney Cor. Rd. Reimbursement		4,250.00
		$ 69,938.33
Payroll	$ 25,961.21	
Hired Equipment	5,809.90	
Gravel	4,545.30	
Bituminous Concrete	9,919.31	
Mowing	1,650.00	
Signs & Supplies	529.52	
Lumber	468.00	
Culverts	1,315.28	
	$ 50,197.52	
Unexpended Balance Forward		$ 19,740.81

CREAMERY ROAD BRIDGE

Reimbursement from Federal Highway Bridge Program		$ 24,136.00
Hired Equipment	$ 13,276.25	
Crane	3,966.03	
Payroll	3,700.19	
Trap Rock	329.28	

Gravel	1,280.40	
Bituminous Concrete	1,583.85	
	$ 24,136.00	

CHAPTER 811 - BOND TRANSPORTATION ISSUE

Balance Forward		$ 18,349.91
Interest Earned		189.01
		$ 18,538.92
Land Purchase - Barnes Road	$ 8,000.00	
Payroll	6,169.85	
Bituminous Concrete	3,869.41	
Culverts	499.66	
	$ 18,538.92	

FLOOD REPAIRS

Balance Forward		$ 8,939.88
Transfer to Town Hall Renovation	$ 8,939.88	

STRAP GRANT

Balance Forward		$ 66,129.54
Interest Earned		4,157.43
		$ 70,286.97
Payroll	$ 121.66	
Bituminous Concrete	5,267.93	
	$ 5,389.59	
Unexpended Balance Forward		$ 64,897.38

CIRCUIT RIDER PROGRAM

Appropriation		$ 7,500.00
Expended	$ 7,500.00	

CIVIL DEFENSE

Balance Forward		$ 1,070.08
Chain & Padlock	$ 23.84	
Training	340.08	
	$ 363.92	
Unexpended Balance Forward		$ 706.16

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Unexpended Balance to General Fund	$ 200.00

COUNCIL ON AGING

Appropriation		$ 1,147.00
Shelburne Senior Center	$ 1,147.00	

DOG OFFICER EXPENSES

Appropriation		$ 150.00
Equipment	$ 140.79	
Balance to General Fund		$ 9.21

ELECTIONS

Appropriations		$ 876.00
State Reimbursement		348.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		975.00
		$ 2,199.00
Election Officers	$ 1,791.17	
Ballots	352.00	
	$ 2,143.17	
Balance to General Fund		$ 55.83

FIRES & EQUIPMENT

Appropriation		$ 12,275.00
Supplies & Equipment	$ 1,978.77	
Telephone	629.97	
Radios	841.75	
Insurance	579.00	
New Equipment	544.00	
Replacement Equipment	363.13	
Dues, Training & Mileage	431.48	
Alarm System Maintenance	201.00	
Truck Repairs	1,579.74	
Wiring & Switches	450.00	
Building Maintenance	207.81	
Payroll	4,441.25	
	$ 12,247.90	
Balance to General Fund		$ 27.10

FOOTHILLS HEALTH DISTRICT

Appropriation		$ 15,602.00
Expended	$ 15,602.00	

FRANKLIN COUNTY DISPATCH CENTER

Appropriation		$ 9,820.60
Expended	$ 9,820.60	

FUEL & OIL EXPENSES

Appropriation		$ 11,000.00
Special Mtg. 5/1/91		2,300.00
		$ 13,300.00
Expended - Fire Dept.	$ 753.14	
Expended - Police Dept.	3,000.00	
Expended - Highway Dept.	9,101.81	
	$ 12,854.95	
Balance to General Fund		$ 445.05

BOARD OF HEALTH

Appropriation		$ 750.00
Ashfield Lake Testing	$ 158.00	
Perc Test	10.00	
Advertising	22.80	

Postage & Supplies	134.15	
Telephone & Dues	34.51	
	$ 359.46	
Balance to General Fund		$ 390.54

HEATING TOWN BUILDINGS

Appropriation		$ 3,800.00
Gas - Fire Station	$ 1,643.03	
Oil - Town Hall	1,468.63	
	$ 3,111.66	
Balance to General Fund		$ 688.34

HIGHWAY DEPT. - PAID VACATIONS & HOLIDAYS

Appropriation		$ 7,600.00
Transfer - Reserve Fund		1,106.58
		$ 8,706.58
Expended	$ 8,706.58	

HIGHWAY DEPT. - SICK LEAVE

Balance Forward		$ 1,617.47
Appropriation		3,300.00
		$ 4,917.47
Expended	$ 934.36	
Balance Forward		$ 3,983.11

HIGHWAY PICKUP

Appropriation		$ 2,000.00
Expended	$ 1,500.00	
Balance to General Fund		$ 500.00

HIGHWAY PLOW

Appropriation		$ 4,400.00
Bart Truck Equipment	$ 3,491.00	
Balance to General Fund		$ 909.00

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY

Appropriation		$ 27,200.00
Leslie C. Ladd	$ 27,200.00	

HILLTOWN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COOPERATIVE

Appropriation		$ 5,100.00
Expended	$ 5,100.00	

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Appropriation		$ 200.00
Supplies	$ 45.00	
Balance to General Fund		$ 155.00

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Appropriation		$ 150.00
Kim Reardon	$ 150.00	

INSURANCE - PUBLIC OFFICIAL'S LIABILITY

Appropriation		$ 2,500.00
Expended	$ 1,720.00	
Balance to General Fund		$ 780.00

INSURANCE - TOWN BUILDINGS

Appropriations		$ 21,000.00
Special Mtg. 10/9/90		1,063.92
Reimbursement from School		4,500.00
Transfer - Reserve Fund		197.00
		$ 26,760.92
PZ-Massamont	$ 22,260.92	
Transfer to Interest - Loans	4,500.00	
	$ 26,760.92	

INTEREST ON LOANS

Appropriation		$ 3,500.00
Special Mtg., 1/28/91		4,500.00
		$ 8,000.00
Expended	$ 7,150.68	
Balance to General Fund		$ 849.32

PRINCIPAL & INTEREST - FIRE TRUCK LOAN

Appropriation		$ 27,052.00
Expended	$ 27,052.00	

PRINCIPAL & INTEREST - GRADER LOAN

Appropriation		$ 17,695.51
Expended	$ 17,695.51	

PRINCIPAL & INTEREST - SEWER LOAN

Appropriation		$ 18,520.43
Expended	$ 18,520.43	

LAKE PHASE I STUDY

Balance Forward		$ 22,800.00
ATM Transfers - 5/5/90	$ 8,525.00	
Balance Forward		$ 14,275.00

LAKE WEED CONTROL

Transfer from Lake Phase I Study		$ 3,525.00
Expended	$ 3,350.00	
Balance to General Fund		$ 175,00

LIFEGUARD & SWIMMING INSTRUCTION

Appropriation		$ 4,750.00
Transfer - Parks & Beach	$ 4,000.00	
Expended	616.00	
	$ 4,616.00	
Balance to General Fund		$ 134.00

MACHINERY EXPENSES

Appropriation		$ 39,421.04
Parts & Repairs	$ 12,360.18	
Uniforms	1,035.91	
Telephone	573.39	
Electricity	1,019.38	
Supplies	1,084.76	
Heating	877.14	
Tires	4,571.33	
Radios	99.75	
Mechanic	12,917.71	
License Fees & Dues	95.00	
Travel Expenses	224.75	
Equipment	2,966.21	
	$ 37,825.51	
Balance to General Fund		$ 1,595.53

MEDICARE

Appropriation		$ 3,000.00
Expended	$ 2,766.04	
Balance to General Fund		$ 233.96

MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation		$ 500.00
Expended	$ 401.55	
Balance to General Fund		$ 98.45

OFFICE EXPENSES

Appropriation		$ 3,800.00
Supplies	$ 332.81	
Dues	500.00	
Photocopier Supplies	349.65	
Postage	185.53	
Telephone	830.12	
Advertising	129.37	
Meetings & Mileage	43.00	
Computer Maintenance	500.00	
Law Updates	466.40	
Wiring	380.00	
	$ 3,716.88	
Balance to General Fund		$ 83.12

OPEN SPACE STUDY

Appropriation	$ 200.00
Unexpended Balance Forward	$ 200.00

PARKS & BEACH

Appropriation	$ 2,375.00
Special Mtg., 10/9/90	4,000.00
	$ 6,375.00

Electricity	$ 459.37	
Telephone	88.89	
Tennis Courts	1,125.00	
Sand	517.50	
Supplies	353.18	
Repairs to Bath House	280.25	
Repairs to Lifeguard Chair	288.25	
Tennis Court Backboard	489.11	
Beach Sign	361.48	
Mowing & Trash Removal	1,157.50	
Water	221.67	
	$ 5,342.20	
Balance to General Fund		$ 1,032.80

PLANNING BOARD

Appropriation		$ 1,645.00
Secretarial	$ 1,064.00	
Supplies	31.29	
Advertising	337.06	
Postage	200.57	
	$ 1,632.92	
Balance to General Fund		$ 12.08

POLICE CHIEF'S SALARY

Appropriation		$ 26,175.00
Gary M. Sibilia	$ 26,175.00	

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		$ 23,950.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		166.26
		$ 24,116.26
Payroll	$ 16,497.30	
Equipment	313.46	
Uniforms	285.10	
Radios & Pagers	856.25	
Insurance	4,021.00	
Dues	375.00	
Meetings	58.20	
Telephone	1,102.49	
Tires	129.50	
Training	371.95	
Postage & Supplies	145.67	
Cruiser Repairs	731.34	
	$ 24,116.26	

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Appropriation		$ 500.00
Expended	$ 500.00	

RENT OF HYDRANTS

Appropriation		$ 1,693.52
Ashfield Water District	$ 1,693.52	

FRANKLIN COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEM - MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		$ 21,206.00
Expended	$ 21,206.00	

RESERVE FUND

Appropriation		$ 10,000.00
Insurance, Town Buildings	$ 197.00	
Town Hall	1,250.00	
Fuel Acct., Highway Dept.	2,300.00	
Tree Warden	165.00	
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	2,550.00	
Elections	975.00	
Assessors' Expenses	139.61	
Chapter 199	5.36	
Police Dept.	166.26	
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	98.36	
Paid Vacations & Holidays	1,106.58	
	$ 8,953.17	
Balance to General Fund		$ 1,046.83

ASHFIELD PLAINFIELD REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Appropriation		$270,298.00
Expended	$269,032.00	
Balance to General Fund		$ 1,266.00

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Appropriation		$453,519.01
Expended	$453,519.01	

SEWAGE TREATMENT DESIGN

Transfer from Lake Phase I Study	$ 5,000.00
Balance Forward	$ 5,000.00

STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation		$ 3,339.00
Expended	$ 3,321.78	
Balance to General Fund		$ 17.22

STREET LISTS

Appropriation		$ 250.00
School Reimbursement		250.00
		$ 500.00
Street Listing	$ 498.99	
Balance to General Fund		$ 1.01

TAX COLLECTOR'S EXPENSES

Appropriation		$ 3,373.00
Supplies	$ 217.71	

Tax Bills	476.47	
Dues	35.00	
Telephone & Postage	1,419.22	
Service Charges	83.00	
Box Rent	21.50	
	$ 2,252.90	
Balance to General Fund		$ 1,120.10

TOWN CLERK'S EXPENSES

Appropriation		$ 550.00
Supplies	$ 347.00	
Dues	30.00	
Postage	232.03	
Computer Maintenance	250.00	
	$ 515.50	
Balance to General Fund		$ 34.50

TOWN COUNSEL

Appropriation		$ 7,000.00
Trudel, Bartlett, Barry, Wilson & MacNicol	$ 5,814.19	
Balance to General Fund		$ 1,185.81

TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		$ 3,750.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		1,250.00
		$ 5,000.00
Janitor	$ 1,863.03	
Supplies	363.71	
Electricity	1,838.06	
Plowing & Mowing	305.00	
Water	172.18	
Plumbing Repairs	91.00	
Furnace	49.18	
Smoke & Heat Detectors	250.00	
	$ 4,932.16	
Balance to General Fund		$ 67.84

TOWN HALL RENOVATIONS

Balance Forward		$ 3,752.04
Fred Cross Fund		4,000.00
Transfer from Flood Repairs		8,939.88
		$ 16,691.92
Electrical Service	$ 2,577.59	
Boiler Room	5,500.00	
Painting	76.00	
Heating System	8,001.50	
	$ 16,155.09	
Balance Forward		$ 536.83

TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriation		$ 19,000.00
Expended	$ 19,000.00	

TOWN REPORTS

Appropriation		$ 3,000.00
Printing	$ 1,577.85	
Delivery	100.00	
	$ 1,677.85	
Balance to General Fund		$ 1,322.15

TRANSFER STATION

Appropriation		$ 67,200.00
Recycling	$ 6,360.00	
Payroll	8,036.40	
Telephone	257.13	
Electricity	261.90	
Hauling - Comm. Disposal	7,896.00	
Landfill	15,564.00	
Supplies	1,955.04	
Roof over Hopper	1,074.49	
Demolition Dump	4,917.00	
Garbage Bags	2,117.50	
Hazardous Waste	500.00	
	$ 49,874.46	
Balance to General Fund		$ 17,325.54

TREASURER'S EXPENSES

Appropriation		$ 1,200.00
Postage	$ 402.50	
Supplies	151.00	
Service Charges	400.50	
Filing Fees	45.00	
Telephone	99.99	
Payroll Update	100.00	
	$ 1,198.99	
Balance to General Fund		$ 1.01

TREE WARDEN

Appropriation		$ 2,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		165.00
		$ 2,165.00
Payroll	$ 930.00	
Hired Equipment	1,235.00	
	$ 2,165.00	

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

Appropriation		$ 500.00
Expended	$ 500.00	

VETERANS' BENEFITS

Appropriation		$ 100.00
Expended	$ 100.00	

VETERAN'S CENTER

Appropriation		$ 3,390.00
Expended	$ 3,390.00	

WINTER ROADS

Appropriation		$ 65,000.00
Hired Equipment	$ 820.00	
Sand	17,269.27	
Salt	7,856.08	
Payroll	32,063.08	
Gravel	4,376.97	
Cold Patch	1,073.14	
Bituminous Concrete	1,541.46	
	$ 65,000.00	

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Appropriation		$ 13,500.00
MIIA	$ 8,954.50	
Balance to General Fund		$ 4,445.50

Town of Ashfield
Balance Sheet
6/30/91

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets

Cash:		
General Cash	$ 388,645.23	
Total Cash		$ 388,645.23
Personal Property Taxes:		
FY 1983	$ 40.00	
FY 1984	1.94	
FY 1985	1.74	
FY 1986	48.10	
FY 1987	245.67	
FY 1988	1,199.76	
FY 1989	1,079.70	
FY 1990	1,276.31	
FY 1991	3,365.50	
Total Personal Property Taxes		$ 7,258.72

Real Estate Taxes:		
FY 1985	$ 99.77	
FY 1987	435.52	
FY 1989	3,193.73	
FY 1990	15,380.01	
FY 1991	91,980.61	
Total Real Estate Taxes		$ 111,089.64
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:		
1976	$ 12.05	
1977	75.90	
1982	169.05	
1983	82.42	
1984	235.37	
1985	250.26	
1986	652.90	
1987	628.32	
1988	419.15	
1989	520.98	
1990	2,463.91	
1991	7,814.65	
Total Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes		$ 13,324.96
Farm Animal Excise Taxes:		
FY 1989	$ 359.90	
FY 1990	951.60	
Total Farm Animal Excise Taxes		$ 1,311.50
Accounts Receivable:		
State Aid to Highways	$ 135,626.00	
Core Focus Accounts Receivable	311,146.17	
Ash/Con MSCP Grant Rec.	518,530.39	
Dog Officer (Due from County)	540.00	
Total Accounts Receivable		$ 965,842.56
Loans Authorized:		
Loans Authorized	$ 580,000.00	
Total Loans Authorized		$ 580,000.00
Overlays Reserved for Abate:		
Overlay FY 1977	$ 2.85	
Total Overlays Reserved for Abate		$ 2.85
Appropriation Balances:		
Total Appropriation Balances		$ 0.00
TOTAL ASSETS		$2,067,475.46

Liabilities

Real Estate Taxes:		
FY 1986	$ 137.50	
FY 1988	394.66	
Total Real Estate Taxes		$ 532.16
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:		
1979	$ 13.20	
Total Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes		$ 13.20
Due from Trust Funds:		
Due from Belding Endowment	$ 1,330.28	
Total Due from Trust Funds		$ 1,330.28
Agency:		
Group Insurance	$ 610.37	
Conservation Comm. Fees	718.41	
Total Agency		$ 1,328.78
Tailings:		
Unclaimed Checks	$ 21.17	
Total Tailings		$ 21.17
Gifts & Donations:		
Ambulance Fund	$ 3,983.21	
Steeple Fund	2,724.60	
Parks & Beach Funds	35.02	
Total Gifts & Donations		$ 6,742.83
Grants:		
Arts Council	$ 570.00	
Council on Aging - State	877.88	
S.T.R.A.P. Grant	64,897.38	
Div. of Water Pollution	13,111.00	
Total Grants		$ 79,456.26
Revolving Funds:		
Police Dept. D.A.R.E. Funds	$ 161.58	
Ashfield Hse. Repayments	14,116.63	
Total Revolving Funds		$ 14,278.21
Loans Authorized & Unissued:		
Loans Authorized Unissued	$ 580,000.00	
Total Loans Authorized & Unissued		$ 580,000.00
Over-Under Estimates:		
County Tax	$ 1,278.00	
Total Over-Under Estimates		$ 1,278.00

RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROP.:		
Dog Refund	$ 70.92	
Total Receipts Reserved for Approp.		$ 70.92
Overlays Reserved for Abate:		
FY 1983	$ 40.00	
FY 1984	1.94	
FY 1985	101.51	
FY 1986	48.10	
FY 1987	681.19	
FY 1988	319.34	
FY 1989	4,273.43	
FY 1990	16,656.32	
FY 1991	20,020.59	
Total Overlays Reserved for Abate		$ 42,142.42
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle Excise Rev.	$ 13,311.76	
Farm Animal Excise Rev.	1,311.50	
Aid to Highway Revenue	135,626.00	
Core Focus Payback Rev.	311,146.17	
Ash/Con MSCP Grant Rev.	518,530.39	
Total Revenue Reserved Until Coll.		$ 979,925.82
Surplus Revenue:		
Surplus Revenue	$ 259,744.41	
Total Surplus Revenue		$ 259,744.41
Appropriation Balances:		
Assessors' Recertification	$ 2,850.00	
Planning Board Open Space St	200.00	
Chapter 15	18,509.09	
Chapter 497	19,740.81	
Burnett Bridge Repairs	4,810.00	
H.D. Sick Leave	3,983.11	
Belding Library Renovations	30,000.00	
Civil Defense Expenses	706.16	
Sewage Treatment Design	5,000.00	
Town Hall Renovations	536.83	
Lake Study - Phase I	14,275.00	
Total Appropriation Balances		$ 100,611.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES		$2,067,475.46

TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS

	Assets	Liabilities
TRUST FUNDS		
Trust Cash	$ 309,986.08	

Mary P. Howes Fund		$ 11,443.19
William Hathaway		32,894.68
Susan Howes		3,890.21
Major King		18,678.08
Eliza Miller		22,578.01
Whiting Street		4,989.57
Henry Taylor		15,376.37
Fred Cross General		60,125.39
Fred Cross Cemetery		2,000.00
Fred Cross Library		5,000.00
Other Cemetery		1,250.00
Salmon Miller - Hert. NIS		26,839.42
Eliza Miller - Hert. NIS		13,619.69
Stabilization Fund		91,301.47
Total Trust Funds	$ 309,986.08	$ 309,986.08

DEBT BALANCE ACCOUNTS

	Assets	Liabilities
LONG TERM DEBT		
Inside Debt Limit	$ 150,810.00	
Grader		$ 31,060.00
Sewer		39,750.00
Fire Truck		80,000.00
TOTAL LONG TERM DEBT	$ 150,810.00	$ 150,810.00

Tax Collector's Report

JUNE 30, 1991

Several overdue Real Estate and Personal Property bills have been turned over to the town attorney for tax taking.

With the newly installed computerized system at the Registry of Motor Vehicles, delinquent motor vehicle bills should be collected more rapidly. Delinquent excise tax payers will not be allowed to register vehicles and obtain a license if they owe taxes. Massachusetts also has a reciprocal arrangement with most other states, where they will not grant registrations and licenses if someone owes in another state.

PERSONAL PROPERTY		
1983-85	$ 43.68	
1986	48.10	
1987	245.67	
1988	1,199.76	
1989	1,079.70	
1990	1,276.31	
1991	3,365.50	$ 7,258.72
REAL ESTATE		
1985	$ 99.77	
1987	435.52	
1989	3,193.73	
1990	15,380.01	
1991	91,980.61	$111,089.64
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE		
1976-85	$ 825.05	
1986	652.90	
1987	628.32	
1988	419.15	
1989	520.98	
1990	2,463.91	
1991	7,814.65	$ 13,324.96
FARM		
1989	$ 359.90	
1990	951.60	$ 1,311.50

MARIAN C. FITZGERALD
Tax Collector

Town Clerk's Report

VITAL STATISTICS
January 1, 1991 - December 31, 1991

BIRTHS

Date	Name	Parents
JANUARY		
26	Virginia Elinor Bromberg	Caron Viva (Butler) & Michael Squires Bromberg
APRIL		
17	Iain Barrett-Byrnes	Regina Marie Barrett & Thomas Salvatore Byrnes
17	Moses Leon Thibault, III	Lorraine Anna (Gamache) & Stephen Edgar Thibault
22	Keith Frederick Hodgkins	Susan Shelly (Lundrigan) & Robert Lester Hodgkins, Jr.
27	Russell Sampson James	Marilyn LeBaron Zeller & Ned James
MAY		
21	Dustin Matthew Lagoy	Ann Marie (Sharron) & Matthew James Lagoy
JUNE		
3	Geordin David Soucie	Karen (Klimash) & David Alston Soucie
11	Eva Claire Jurgensen	Judith Ann Turcotte & Craig Lee Jurgensen
11	Jaymie Lee Page	Allison Layne (Pepyne) & Stanley Eugene Page
JULY		
5	Samuel Ryan Dembek	Catherine Martha (Stankus) & David Edward Dembek
16	Ethan Ashe Rees	Susan Barbara Ashe & Fred Hillard Rees
SEPTEMBER		
23	Kendra Ashleigh Clarke	Karla Jean (Raymond) & James Gisler Clarke
24	Dylan James LaPointe	Debra Jean (Fontanella) & Robert Aime LaPointe

30	Stephanie Leigh Coutu	Ruth Anne (Giard) & Christopher John Coutu
OCTOBER		
30	Samuel Lee Gary-Kerstetter	Janet Ellen (Gary) & Gregory Lee Gary-Kerstetter
DECEMBER		
16	Kyle Evan Wolfram	Sheila Marie Graves & Mark Jon Wolfram

MARRIAGES

Date	Names & Residences	Place of Marriage
APRIL		
1	John Eliot Richardson, Ashfield Mary Anne Donahue, Ashfield	Middlefield
MAY		
25	Richard L. Pierce, Ashfield Linda Sadowski, Ashfield	Belchertown
JUNE		
22	Michael Chapman, Ashfield Carol Jane Hyde, Ashfield	Ashfield
JULY		
1	George Kalman Weller, Jr., Canada Deanne Theresa Brochu, Ashfield	Ashfield
13	C. James Sheldon, Ashfield Sherry Ann Borst, Ashfield	Worthington
20	Jason Joseph Herringshaw, Ashfield Lisa Leanne Page, Ashfield	Ashfield
AUGUST		
10	Paul Neil Cohen, Ashfield Kathy Grace Blackburn, Ashfield	Shelburne
13	Russell V. Loomis, Jr., Ashfield Cynthia Anne Racicot, Ashfield	Ashfield
30	Mark Jon Wolfram, Ashfield Sheila M. Graves-Pollen, Ashfield	Ashfield
NOVEMBER		
9	Richard Alton Stowell, Jr., Ashfield Stephanie Lynn Lagoy, Ashfield	Williamsburg
30	Douglas James Ellison, Jr., Ashfield Angela Mae Thompson, Easthampton	Goshen

DEATHS

Date	Name	Place of Death	Age
JANUARY			
14	Frederick D. Kelley	Greenfield	75
19	Addie Elizabeth Hall	Shelburne	84
28	Douglas M. Angleman	Ashfield	83
MARCH			
10	Dorothy Gray	Ashfield	91
MAY			
4	Ralph W. Graves, Jr.	Greenfield	63
AUGUST			
20	Dorothy M. Hall	Ashfield	68
SEPTEMBER			
25	Lawrence W. Quick	Greenfield	48
DECEMBER			
24	Thomas W. Hall	Ashfield	41

(Please report any errors in the foregoing to the Town Clerk.)

ELECTIONS

Special State primary, April 30	
407 votes cast	1,027 registered voters
Annual election, May 4	
425 votes cast	1,022 registered voters
Special state election, June 4	
710 votes cast	1,027 registered voters
Override question, June 4	
710 votes cast	1,027 registered voters
Special state primary, August 27	
254 votes cast	1,042 registered voters
Special state election, September 24	
264 votes cast	1,045 registered voters

DOG LICENSES ISSUED
January 1, 1991 - December 31, 1991

161	Males @ $3.00	$483.00
18	Females @ $6.00	108.00
181	Spayed females @ $3.00	543.00
3	Kennels @ $10.00	30.00

2	Kennels @ $25.00	50.00
365		$1,214.00
	Fees retained	- 273.75
	Paid to Town Treasurer	$ 940.25

FISH & GAME LICENSES ISSUED
January 1, 1991 - December 31, 1991

20	Res. fishing @ $12.50	$ 250.00
1	Res. fishing (minor) @ $6.50	6.50
2	Res. fishing (65-69) @ $6.25	12.50
3	Res. fishing (over 70)	FREE
2	Non-res. fishing @ $17.50	35.00
1	Res. trapping @ $20.50	20.50
8	Res. hunting @ $12.50	100.00
3	Non-res. hunting (big game) @ $48.50	145.50
1	Non-res. hunting (small game) @ $23.50	23.50
15	Res. sporting @ $19.50	292.50
2	Res. sporting (65-69) @ $9.75	19.50
14	Res. sporting (over 70)	FREE
2	Archery/primitive firearms stamps @ $5.10	10.20
48	Wildlands conservation stamps (res.) @ $5.00	240.00
6	Wildlands conservation stamps (non-res.) @ $5.00	30.00
		$1,185.70
	Fees retained	- 27.70
	Paid to Commonwealth of Massachusetts	$1,158.00

Respectfully submitted,

LORRAINE GORDON, **Town Clerk**

Ashfield Burial Ground Association

Supplemental to Town Clerk's Report

BURIALS
January 1, 1990 - December 31, 1990

The following 1990 burials in Ashfield were inadvertently omitted from the supplemental list of burials in the 1990 Town Report.

	Date of Death
BELDINGVILLE CEMETERY	
Dorothy M. (Hall) Handfield	01/26/90
HILL CEMETERY	
Shirley M. (Tower) Bennett	07/08/90
PLAIN CEMETERY	
Pauline M. (Howes) Graves	03/17/90
Alice (Donielo) Whitney	05/18/90
Edith J. (Kelly) Prentice	06/04/90
Carrie M. Philbrick) Dige	06/11/90
Darrin T. Dickinson	07/22/90

BURIALS
January 1, 1990 - December 31, 1990

	Date of Death
HILL CEMETERY	
Herman E. Barnes	05/13/91
PLAIN CEMETERY	
Frederick D. Kelley	01/14/91
Addie E. (Dyer) Hall	01/19/91
Winifred M. (Howes) Field	02/04/91
Marjorie (Bates) Anderson	02/14/91
Frances M. (Cady) Bigelow	02/20/91
Dorothy Gray	03/10/91
Ralph W. Graves, Jr.	05/04/91
John A. Carter, Sr.	06/03/91
Nancy M. (Reniff) Olszewski	07/19/91
Jennie (Hall) Shippee	09/05/91
Bernard H. Shippee	09/15/91
Ida M. (Beals) Lundrigan	11/23/91

RALPH E. TOWNSLEY
Burial Agent

Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash

Year Ending June 30, 1991

Balance of Cash at July 1, 1990	$ 768,817.29
Cash Received	2,621,541.00
Cash Disbursements	2,690,900.31
Balance of Cash at June 30, 1991	$ 699,457.98

Balance consists of:	
United Savings Bank:	
General Fund	$ 20,777.42
Ambulance Fund	3,983.21
STRAP Fund	64,897.38
Core Focus Fund	14,116.63
Fred Cross - General Fund	60,125.39
Fred Cross - Library	5,000.00
Fred Cross - Cemetery	2,000.00
Trust Funds	98,406.92
Cemetery Funds	1,250.00
Greenfield Savings Bank:	
Stabilization Fund	91,301.47
M.M.D.T.:	
General Fund	284,870.59
Mary Priscilla Howes Fund (Interest entered FY92)	12,269.86
Heritage Savings Bank:	
Eliza Miller Acct.	13,619.69
Salmon Miller Acct.	26,839.42
Total	$ 699,457.98

Presentation of Cash:	
General Fund	$ 388,645.23
Stabilization Fund	91,301.47
Trust Funds	233,414.04
Total	$ 699,457.98

Note: Income also received to benefit Belding Park and Belding Library from the Milo Belding Jr. Endowment, held by the trustees of Shawmut Bank.

Ashfield Fire Department

This year, like every year, the Fire Department was busy training in every way so when the time came, the department would be as ready as possible to fight a fire.

Every firefighter in our department is taking the Firefighter I course to stay in line with State and Federal standards.

Our new fire truck has passed its first full year of service with flying colors. We still have two old trucks. One is very old, a 1956, which will have to be replaced by 1996 and the other is a 1976.

The Fire Department was very fortunate that Addie Hall thought of us in her will. She and her husband, Clarence (Clare), lived in Ashfield and ran their business here for many years. The money from the will has enabled us to get equipment that the department would have had to get from the town. At this time, it would be hard for the town to "free up" that amount of money.

The Fire Department would like to thank the Addie Hall family for all the following improvements we have been able to make because of the funds received: air compressor, pump valve, self-contained breathing apparatus (Scotts) and safety gear for the firefighters plus we will be able to use the interest from the remainder to continue upgrading the department.

The Firemen's Association raised $4,051.71 for the department in addition to paying the Health & Accident Insurance for the Little League and Pee Wees.

As Chief, I would like to say "Thank you" to all of the firefighters for their dedication to the Town of Ashfield.

The following is a breakdown of calls for the year 1991.

Structure Fires	5
Chimney Fires	10
Car Fires	7
Gas Spills	4
Brush Fires	6
Auto Accidents	7
Fire Alarms	2
Mutual Aid	5
Total	46

DOUGLAS M. FIELD
Ashfield Fire Chief

Western Franklin Veterans' Service Center

During the past fiscal year we were called upon to provide veterans' benefits to three veterans and their families. The money was used to provide aid as follows:

Ordinary Benefits		$4,717.04
Fuel		395.18
Miscellaneous		24.54
	Total	$5,136.76

The towns which provided this aid will be reimbursed 75% by the State and are as follows:

Ashfield		$ 815.04
Charlemont		2,438.22
Colrain		1,883.50
	Total	$5,136.76

Seventeen veterans passed away during the year and the Center assisted the survivors with their VA claims for Burial Benefits, Grave Markers, Pensions and Compensation to which they are legally entitled.

Some of the many on-going services to veterans are — help to complete all Veterans Administration claim forms and provide assistance to all veterans and their dependents in connection with their claims under Federal Programs and preparation of Tax Abatement Forms for veterans with service-connected disabilities.

Three meetings were held this year with various representatives from the ten town district to discuss the overall program.

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE E. BALAZS
Director/Veterans' Agent

Western Franklin Veterans' Service Center
Treasurer's Annual Report

United Savings Bank Balance July 1, 1990		$ 1,031.69
Receipts:		
Town of Ashfield	$ 3,390.00	
Town of Buckland	3,164.00	
Town of Charlemont	2,034.00	
Town of Colrain	3,164.00	
Town of Conway	2,938.00	
Town of Hawley	678.00	
Town of Heath	1,582.00	

Town of Monroe	452.00	
Town of Plainfield	1,356.00	
Town of Shelburne	3,842.00	
Flags and Markers	1,760.87	
Checking Acct. Interest	149.83	
Federal Withholding Tax	3,984.00	
State Withholding Tax	1,119.60	
Retirement	849.84	
Medicare Tax	246.48	
Total Receipts	$30,710.62	30,710.62
		$31,742.31
Payments		
Eugene E. Balazs	$16,999.92	
Treasurer's Salary	500.00	
Town of Shelburne Rent	1,800.00	
Telephone	414.49	
Office Expense	422.96	
Dues	80.00	
Subscriptions	25.00	
Charge for Checks	30.31	
Retirement Assessment	1,904.00	
Flags	1,778.38	
Treasurer's Bond	50.00	
Internal Revenue Service		
Federal Tax	3,984.00	
Medicare	492.96	
Franklin County Retirement	849.84	
Commonwealth of Mass.		
State Tax	1,119.60	
Total Payments	$30,451.46	30,451.46
		1,290.85
United Savings Bank Balance June 30, 1991		$ 1,290.85

Respectfully submitted,

VALERIE L. WALKER
Treasurer

Annual Report of the Fred W. Wells Trustees

Funds available for the fiscal year 1991-1992 were $167,509.86 which were allocated to three specific areas: Education, Health and Agriculture.

EDUCATION: The Trustees received 291 applications for education grants (the highest number of applications ever received) and approved 187 students to receive $129,500. The Trustees spent many hours on the selection process to ensure that as many students as possible could receive scholarship aid.

HEALTH: Four (4) health problems were approved. The following received funds:

1. Western Mass. Children with Attention Disorders & Deficits
2. Hospice in Franklin County
3. Mohawk Valley Medical Center
4. New England Center for Women in Transition (NELCWIT)

These programs received a total of $30,000.

AGRICULTURE: An amount of $8,009 was allowed by the Board of Trustees for payment during the 1991-1992 year.

Respectfully submitted,

DOUGLAS A. CHANDLER
Trustee

Report of the Zoning Board of Appeals

The Board heard several matters this year. The Berkshire Green Acres campground appealed an order of the Building Inspector to remove nine mobile homes from Ashfield. After a hearing, the Board upheld the Building Inspector. Berkshire Green Acres appealed the Board's decision to Franklin County Superior Court, but before the appeal was heard, the mobile homes were removed and the appeal became moot. The Board also received an appeal of the Building Inspector's decision that a gravel removal operation did not require a Special Permit from the Planning Board. At the hearing the appeal was withdrawn.

The Board heard an appeal of the Building Inspector's decision that the proposed library addition did not require a Special Permit. After a hearing, the Board upheld the Building Inspector's decision.

At year's end an appeal was pending regarding a decision of the Building Inspector that Ashfield's zoning by-laws do not allow a common driveway.

In June, William Schreiber declined reappointment as an Associate Member for another term on the Board. He had been a member of the Board for many years and participated in many Board decisions. He served with great distinction and his wisdom, judgment, advice and counsel will be missed.

Stuart Harris was appointed to fill the vacancy. Stuart's dedication to Ashfield and its traditions is well-known. The Board is indeed fortunate to have his participation in performing its responsibilities.

In July, the Board adopted rules to govern the procedures for hearing and granting Comprehensive Permits. These permits allow construction of low-income housing with exemptions from zoning requirements and perhaps other requirements and have been granted in other Connecticut River valley towns. It is only a matter of time before one is requested for Ashfield. The adoption of these rules prepares the Board to ensure a fair application process both to the town and to an applicant.

Respectfully submitted,

JACK McNIFF, **Chairman**
M. DIANNE MULLER, **Clerk**
CLAYTON CRAFT
KEN LILLY, **Assoc.**
STUART HARRIS, **Assoc.**

Franklin County Cooperative Inspector Program

I herewith submit my annual report of the FCCIP for the Fiscal Year 1991. The total number of building permits was up 8.5% from F.Y. '90, although the total project valuation stayed approximately the same (considering 3 million dollars wad due to school construction), indicating that projects are still being carried through but at scaled down versions. The number of housing starts was down by almost 40% from F.Y. '90, also reflecting the state of the New England economic situation. The towns of Conway and Whately commenced construction on their new elementary schools.

The towns of Ashfield, Bernardston, and Shutesbury were the most active members of the Cooperative, accounting for over 40% of the housing starts and 32% of the overall permits.

March 1, 1991, saw the adoption of the 1987 BOCA (Building Officials and Code Administration) National Building Code as the Mass. Bldg. Code, although our state did see fit to keep certain sections unique to Massachusetts, i.e. administration, energy conservation, 1- & 2-family dwellings, etc. The adoption of the BOCA National Code will bring Mass. in line with other states of the northeast and will help in the interpretive process.

With the slowdown in construction, combined with escalating costs burdening the towns, the Board of Directors for the Cooperative voted to eliminate the Building Commissioner's position for F.Y. '92 in order to reduce the budget. Patience from the public is greatly appreciated during this time when one inspector is functioning where there previously were two, even though the permit activity has not significantly declined.

Thanks to all who have made my job rewarding and enjoyable!

VICTOR E. STALEY
Inspector of Buildings

F.C.C.B.I.P.

FISCAL YEAR REPORT
FROM JULY 1, 1990 to JUNE 30, 1991

Town	Permits	Value	Dwelling Units*	Permit Fees	Certif. of Occ.	Certif. of Inspec. Issued°	C.I. Fees	Other Fees	Total Fees
Ashfield	80	$ 1,776,603	10	$ 8,420	27	10	$ 434	$ 10	$ 8,864
Bernardston	90	1,515,852	9	7,675	15	14	360	45	8,080
Buckland	54	534,912	5	3,765	10	10	80	40	3,885
Charlemont	61	1,153,275	7	7,090	16	14	324	15	7,429
Conway	64	3,001,845	7	7,125	26	5	95	20	7,240
Erving	57	996,003	1	2,745	10	7	200	5	2,950
Gill	51	644,660	4	4,100	10	28	1,358	15	5,473
Hawley	10	50,470	0	440	3	2	85	0	525
Heath	43	466,860	2	2,500	10	3	0	45	2,545
Leverett	49	1,514,175	6	8,005	19	2	40	75	8,120
Leyden	24	427,750	1	2,815	7	0	0	0	2,815
Monroe	9	48,560	1	270	3	1	0	20	290
Shelburne	64	2,447,928	3	12,724	16	32	957	20	13,701
Shutesbury	81	1,785,702	13	9,465	38	13	150	60	9,675
Whately	55	4,083,216	8	12,360	28	16	420	40	12,820
TOTALS	792	$20,447,811	77	$89,499	238	157	$4,503	$410	$94,412

°These figures reflect only those inspections which receive Certificates. Many other inspections are performed by B.I. but for various reasons no Certificates are issued.

*2-Family and Multi-dwellings are issued only one permit per building.

"Other Fees" reflect reinspections and duplication of permits and C.O.'s.

Franklin County Cooperative Wiring Inspector Program

Report for Fiscal Year 1991

	1990 Fees 7/1 - 12/31	1990 Permits 7/1 - 12/31	1991 Fees 1/1 - 6/30	1991 Permits 1/1 - 6/30	FY '91 Total Permits	FY '91 Total Fees
Ashfield	$ 1,715.00	36	$ 695.00	16	52	$ 2,410.00
Bernardston	1,175.00	20	1,175.00	28	48	2,350.00
Buckland	1,305.00	26	404.00	12	38	1,706.00
Charlemont	1,245.00	28	970.00	24	52	2,215.00
Conway	2,050.00	40	750.00	20	60	2,800.00
Erving	1,020.00	25	1,145.00	17	42	2,165.00
Hawley	260.00	6	90.00	2	8	350.00
Heath	1,600.00	40	825.00	22	62	2,425.00
Leverett	820.00	22	890.00	20	42	1,710.00
Monroe	40.00	1	0.00	0	1	40.00
Northfield	2,855.00	36	2,200.00	37	73	5,055.00
Shelburne	1,580.00	25	665.00	15	40	2,245.00
Wendell	1,510.00	30	645.00	18	48	2,155.00
Whately	1,850.00	35	1,336.00	28	63	3,186.00
TOTALS	$19,025.00	370	$11,787.00	259	629	$30,812.00

EDWARD F. MARCHEFKA
Wiring Inspector

Franklin County Cooperative
Plumbing & Gas Inspector Program

Report for Fiscal Year 1991

	1990 Fees 7/1 - 12/31	1990 Permits 7/1 - 12/31	1991 Fees 4/1 - 6/30	1991 Permits 4/1 - 6/30	FY '91 Total Permits	FY '91 Total Fees
Ashfield	$ 1,834.00	48	$1,208.00	28	76	$ 3,042.00
Bernardston	1,521.00	37	865.00	20	57	2,386.00
Buckland	1,181.00	27	582.00	12	39	1,763.00
Charlemont	1,132.00	27	906.00	20	47	2,038.00
Conway	2,084.00	35	1,519.00	31	66	3,603.00
Erving	867.00	21	706.00	12	33	1,573.00
Hawley	*382.00	9	77.00	3	12	459.00
Heath	903.00	22	451.00	7	29	1,354.00
Leverett	1,228.00	40	781.00	18	58	2,009.00
Leyden	512.00	14	180.00	5	19	692
Monroe	110.00	4	0.00	0	4	110.00
Shelburne	2,202.00	47	528.00	12	59	2,730.00
Wendell	624.00	18	547.00	9	27	1,171.00
Whately	2,545.00	47	934.00	18	65	3,479.00
TOTALS	*$17,125.00	396	$9,284.00	195	591	$26,409.00

*Figure adjusted (-$40) from the 1990 Calendar Year Report.

PAULIN J. BUKOWSKI
Plumbing/Gas Inspector

Ashfield Ambulance Report

The year 1991 has definitely been one of "ups and downs" for the ambulance service. First, let's look at the "ups."

I think the most elating thing that came our way was when Clarence and Addie Hall bequeathed a sum that will exceed $25,000.00. This has been invested in an interest-bearing account by the town treasurer. It was decided by all involved to set this aside for the purchase of major equipment (i.e. a new ambulance, etc.). We do not want to have to use these funds for everyday expenses.

With this thought in mind, we hope that you, the residents of Ashfield, will contribute money to your service whenever possible, either in memory of a loved one or just as a donation. Remember, no one in the service receives any compensation for their time. The service does pay for any course that is not paid by the EMT association. Please remember that no resident in town or their guests will ever be charged for ambulance service as long as we are able to maintain this service through donations.

At year's end, we find our number of registered EMT's at 16 and at the time of writing another three people are awaiting results of their state certification exam. It is my hope that we can encourage more people to take the EMT course. The old saying "the more the merrier" sounds better to me every day as this will help to take the burden of coverage off of a few and spread it around. This will certainly help to curb burnout in our ranks. We have most of these people certified in the use of the defibrillator.

The "down" side is that we were down to 65 runs for the past year. This is a reduction of about 30 runs from previous years. I don't mind this kind of "down." But even with the reduction, it is still reality that people cannot commit as much time to ambulance duty as they used to.

One thought for all residents of Ashfield is that it takes 42 12-hour shifts per week to provide ambulance coverage. This is a total of 2,190 shifts, which, if divided among our 20 EMT's and first responders, would require at least 24 hours of volunteer duty per person per week.

Please, if you can take an EMT course and help us cover the town, call me anytime. If you cannot give us time, please try to help us with your donations so we won't have to ask the town for money.

I would like to thank all the members of the Ashfield Ambulance Service for the fine service you have given and will continue to give to the Town of Ashfield. I know that it will continue to improve over the years.

DOUGLAS J. MOLLISON (628-3231)
Ashfield Ambulance Director

Police Department Report

I am pleased and honored to present this, my fourth report, to the Town of Ashfield as Chief of Police.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Ashfield residents for their support in the Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program, D.A.R.E. This program has been in operation for nearly a decade and it's succeeding. It is not a one-hour, once a year visit by a stranger. It is four and a half months of straight talk and conversation with someone who becomes a friend, confidant and ally. It leaves a lasting impression on kids and their families. They are our children, our future, our legacy and we all want the same thing for them. We want their futures to be bright and secure . . . healthy and safe.

That's why we care as D.A.R.E. officers. Only by attacking the drug problem from the demand(?) side can we hope to halt the flow of drugs. That's where our children are; let's be there with them; let's D.A.R.E. to win!

This department will continue to be strict on enforcement of motor vehicle laws and especially on driving under the influence of liquor. It saves lives.

I wish to thank all of the officers whose enthusiasm, support and cooperation continue to make our department what it is today. The countless hours of donated time and interruptions of a normal life can never be compensated. I am proud of the Ashfield Police Department and respect it as being one of the best police departments in West County.

The following is money turned into the town by the Police Department:

Motor Vehicle citations	$13,370
Pistol permits	480
Insurance reports	80
Firearms I.D. cards	28
Total	$13,958

CRIME STATISTICS FOR 1991 AND 1990

	1991	1990
Assault & Battery	7	10
Assault & Battery on Police	1	0
Assault & Battery Dangerous Weapon	4	2
Accidents	36	33
Alarms	26	48
Arrests	52	27
Breaking & Entering	14	2
Citations: Motor Vehicle	371	525
Court Hours	71	119
Domestic Disturbances	15	20

Investigated Incidents	1,117	1,045
Larcenies	20	13
Medical Assists	34	44
Missing Persons	5	7
Poss. of Dangerous Weapon	1	1
Poss. of Drugs	4	2
Protective Custody	12	9
Sexual Assaults	2	2
Stolen Motor Vehicles	0	3
Suicide	0	0
Summonses	32	30
Vacant House Checks	56	51
Vandalism	22	13
Warrants	13	11

I also want to thank the selectmen, the fire department, the ambulance service and all the townspeople for their cooperation and support. Remember, if you need the police for business or emergency, contact the Dispatch Center at 1-772-2133 and they will contact the duty officer. In closing, I thank the residents for letting me serve them as Chief of Police.

Respectfully submitted,

GARY M. SIBILIA
Chief of Police

Board of Assessors

Our total valuation for Fiscal 92 is $113,913,166 compared with last year's valuation of $106,880,565 which is an increase of $7,032,601. Our tax rate is $10.08 per $1,000 valuation, down from $10.38 last year. It is necessary to raise $1,148,244 this year by taxation. Last year we appropriated and raised by taxation, $1,109,420, an increase of $35,824. Money appropriated to pay debt and interest voted by debt exclusion overrides is now $59,761.51.

Valuations on all properties have been updated as of January 1, 1991, reflecting sales of the past two years. Thus valuations show an increase in spite of a declining market in real estate sales for the year of 1991.

The annual growth of taxable property which can be added to the FY92 tax levy is $21,524. This reflects new buildings and additions during 1991. Building starts have been very slow during the past twelve months so expectations of new growth are "low" for Fiscal 93.

Summary of Monies Raised and Expended

	FY80	FY90	FY91	FY92
1. Total Amount to be Raised	$ 956,299.33	$ 1,463,527.77	$ 1,520,172.06	$ 1,559,247.71
2. Receipts				
A. From State	167,136.31	147,623.00	74,119.00	175,812.00
B. Local	137,582.03	171,800.00	172,000.00	190,605.00
C. Available Funds				
1) Free Cash	161,394.88	123,607.24	145,508.76	40,586.00
2) Other Available Funds		46,900.00	19,124.04	4,000.00
3) Revenue Sharing				
D. Sub/total A, B, C	466,113.17	489,930.24	410,751.80	411,003.00
3. Annual Tax Levy	490,186.16	973,597.53	1,109,420.26	1,148,244.71
4. Total Assessed Value	28,834,480.00	102,917,286.00	106,880,565.00	113,913,166.00
5. Tax Rate	17.00	9.46	10.38	10.08
Parcel Count				13,336

MALCOLM S. CLARK
RICHARD H. GOUGEON
PETER H. WIITANEN
Board of Assessors

Belding Memorial Library Report

Library circulation increased by almost 2,000 in 1991! The total was 21,932, up 1,993 from the circulation in the previous year. Inter-library loans rose as well, increasing by 136 to a total of 547.

Books purchased included 129 adult fiction, 70 adult non-fiction and 100 juvenile. There were gifts of 66 adult and 22 juvenile books.

The Friends of the Library was in charge of another successful summer program with a theme in conjunction with the Western Mass. Regional Library "Read a Spell" program. The Friends also gave the library money in February to buy books dealing with Black History Month and at the end of the year to buy books and materials. The book sale in the basement during Fall Festival was another success of the Friends.

Classes from Sanderson Academy continue to use the library on special mornings. They are coming every other Wednesday morning during the 1991-92 school year.

Through the Western Mass. Regional Library, we are able to purchase library supplies at a discount through a cooperative program similar to the book buying cooperative we joined last year.

During 1991, we acquired the "Collected Poems of Mary Priscilla Howes." The publication was a joint project between the Ashfield Historical Society and the library. John Jerome also presented us with his new book, "The Writing Trade." Mara Abb and George Numrich, staunch patrons of the library, gave us their IBM computer when they moved from the area.

Three charter members of the Friends are retiring from the organization this year. They will all be missed by the library.

Sandra Carter, president, resigned due to a heavy work schedule and the need to spend more time with her family. While she was president, the Friends helped us purchase our copier and gave us money for books and materials and the rebinding of books. It was her inspiration that made possible our summer programs and the programs at our annual and spring meetings. For several years she was in charge of the raffle at the town hall during the festival. She always gave 110% and we are very grateful to Sandra for all her wonderful work.

Nadine Smith, treasurer, also resigned to devote more time to her family. She kept the books in fine order and her work in the library as an assistant made her aware of our needs and desires.

Lucy Sagalyn, secretary, resigned for health reasons. She kept a "lookout" for good buys to fit our needs.

With circulation increasing every year, it is very difficult to keep up with all the details of library work. We had Julie Dupree as a volunteer one afternoon a week last year. With her help, we were able to keep up

with the background work that people are sometimes not aware has to be done. Julie had to leave in the late spring with a back problem. She is just getting back on her feet but will not be able to volunteer until she is much better. We miss her because she is so knowledgeable and efficient in library work. We could use a volunteer, who would fit our needs, to fill in.

We wish to thank all those who have donated books, materials, money and memorial gifts and have loaned displays for our cabinet. A special thanks to Carrolle Markle for her continued contributions to two memorial funds at the library.

No one person can do it all alone. My appreciation goes to the following people: the library trustees for their support and encouragement; Anne Judson for all her help and special touches to make the library more attractive; Nadine Smith for her help, and who, despite a growing family, rarely misses a Saturday of work; David Diluzio, who keeps the library and grounds in excellent shape; and Mary Lucas for her help with the book sale and assistance with the morning classes. Also appreciated are Andrea Sears, who made the walkway so beautiful last summer by planting flowers; Kay Fessenden, who has done an excellent job repairing and mending some of our books, saving us time and money; the Friends for all the work they do, not only up front but behind the scenes; and my husband, who comes to our aid at the most appropriate times.

Most important are the patrons who use the library. This is what it is all about. Their patronage and support make it all worthwhile. Our appreciation goes to all of them.

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA V. ZALENSKI
Librarian

Belding Memorial Library

Report of Income and Expenditures
For the Year Ending June 30, 1991

Cash Balance, June 30, 1990	
Operating Funds	$ 1,384.80
Reserve Funds	
H-NIS 0249	2,640.55
USB 12831	644.03
Trust Funds	
Alonzo Lilly Fund	6,043.90
Sara Norton Fund	1,275.17
Hope Packard Fund	1,832.18
Markle Funds	1,689.46
Building Fund	5,647.50
Capital Improvement Fund (Principal)	86,394.96
Capital Improvement Fund (Interest)	3,503.08
Total	$111,055.63

INCOME:	
Town of Ashfield	$ 7,400.00
State Aid	2,041.92
Contributions	2,296.15
Other	805.39
Trust Income	
Belding Memorial Trust	5,067.05
Belding Memorial Surplus	276.44
Belding Endowment	246.27
Fred Cross Fund	425.06
Sara Norton Fund	109.61
Alonzo Lilly Fund	611.47
Hope Packard Fund	151.00
Markle Funds	93.31
Capital Improvement Fund	
Principal Account	8,072.79
Interest Account	190.95
Reserve Funds Interest	
H-NIS 1110249	169.32
USB 12831	24.49
Total Income	$ 27,981.22
EXPENDITURES:	
Payroll	$ 10,616.51
Books and Materials	4,186.69
Utilities	1,972.90
Building Project	8,987.56
Janitor	1,862.49
Other	2,330.22
Total Expenditures	$ 29,956.37
Cash Balance, June 30, 1991	
Operating Funds	$ 5.17
Reserve Funds	
H-NIS 0249	2,634.55
USB 12831	1,039.80
Trust Funds	
Alonzo Lilly Fund	5,953.10
Sara Norton Fund	1,385.08
Hope Packard Fund	1,983.18
Markle Funds	1,883.34
Capital Improvement Fund (Principal)	86,394.96
Capital Improvement Fund (Interest)	1,457.78
Building Fund	2,977.96
Total	$105,714.92

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD M. EVANS
Treasurer

Report of the Belding Memorial Library Trustees

1991 was an active year for the library. Circulation continued to increase with Ashfield being honored for having one of the top ten circulation rates for a community of our size. We are pleased to report that circulation increased by 10% during 1991.

Our library continues to play a vital role in the community because of loyal patrons, excellent staff and support from the state regional library system. We appreciate the skills and expertise of the library staff and thank Barbara Zalenski, Anne Judson and Nadine Smith for making the library a valuable resource for the townspeople.

The library trustees worked jointly with the Ashfield Historical Society to publish a book of Mary Priscilla Howes' writings. The library hosted a celebration to honor the publication with friends and family members reading their favorite pieces by Mary Priscilla.

School children from various classes at Sanderson regularly visit the library with their teachers while many older students regularly use the library as a place to do research work and homework.

The Friends of the Library continued to support the library by organizing a children's summer program and making a generous donation for books. Thank you to Sandra Carter, Nadine Smith and Lucy Sagalyn as outgoing directors of the board for their devotion to the library.

In November, the townspeople reaffirmed their support for the library building project. The project will renovate the library and add a new children's room and a multipurpose room. The project will begin this spring and should take seven months.

The library is a member of the state regional library system. Through this membership, we are able to access books from other libraries through the interloan program and receive books and materials from the bookmobile which adds to our circulation. This vital resource enables us to greatly expand our services.

Respectfully submitted,

D. TIERTZA-LEAH SCHWARTZ
Chairman
GEORGE MONK
DIANA BENNETT
RICHARD EVANS
ELLEN MILLER

Foothills Health District Report

The Foothills Health District has dedicated this year to the development of educational programs. The District Agent, Joan Barry, worked with the Franklin County Planners to develop a groundwater protection videotape which has been aired on some local cable stations. A grant was made available through the Department of Environmental Protection to produce the tape. The videotape clarifies what the issues are surrounding the care of your private water supply, septic system maintenance and leaking underground storage tanks. It outlines precautions each of us take to help ensure a quality water supply for future generations. Copies are available for a fee by calling 774-3167.

The District has also re-worked the Food Service Codes (many of which have been recently amended) and created up-to-date food service flyers to distribute to area managers. These should help to clarify responsibilities and expectations which are often unclear in the Code. This educational effort will hopefully result in increased compliance and rapport. If you serve or cook food for public consumption, one of these flyers will apply to you. For copies or questions, please call 665-8051.

Disease education has been accomplished mostly through the distribution of public health fact sheets. These are mailed as the doctor's reports are received. Most telephone requests to date have been regarding eastern encephalitis, lyme disease, shigella and giardia. There have been no requests for information on AIDS. The greatest increase for information has been around the rabies epidemic. The District plans to step up its educational agenda through the publication of press releases on these subjects.

The District Agent, in concert with many other interested parties, is working towards the amendment of 105 CMR 460 which governs lead poisoning and prevention. We hope for the allowance of encapsulation processes to become approved abatement procedures. Encapsulation reduces abatement costs and reduces the risk of children poisoned by lead dust generated by presently approved abatement procedures. We hope to replace the strict liability clause with reasonable wording, raise the present tax credit limit, and require isotopic analysis in cases of lead poinsoned children. This would prove the source of the lead poisoning, not assume lead house paint is the cause, as is presently being done.

The District is involved in applying for an EPA grant with the Franklin-Hampshire Board of Health Association for the production of a lakes protection videotape. We are also applying for monies to create a multi-media locally based library to assist local boards of health. This way board members would not have to attend never-ending night meet-

ings to gather the information necessary to conduct their duties appropriately. Please wish us luck in accomplishing these goals.

These are some examples of how the Foothills Health District is working for its communities. We welcome feedback and invite comments on programs or issues which you would like to see addressed.

Respectfully submitted,

JOAN BARRY
Health Agent

Visiting Nurse and Health Services

Annual Report — Fiscal Year 1991

The Visiting Nurse & Health Services in Franklin County, a program of Franklin Medical Center, has continued to provide a comprehensive array of health services to patients recovering from acute episodes of illness, and high risk infants and mothers at home this year. Services are provided by qualified professionals including registered nurses, physical therapists, occupational therapists and speech pathologists. Personal care services by trained home health aides are provided as an adjunct to skilled care.

In 1991 the following services were rendered:

Nursing Visits		**Therapies**	
Care of the Sick	59	Occupational Therapy Visits	0
Maternal/Child Health	5	Physical Therapy Visits	19
Office Visits	2	Speech Therapy Visits	0

Home Health Aide Hours: 780 Visits: 628
Homemaker Hours: 0

In addition, the agency has home health aides, homemakers and personal care homemakers whose services are available to help the frail elderly to remain independent at home by assisting with light housekeeping, personal care, shopping, and errands. Referrals for any of the above services are accepted from physicians, hospitals, patients, and/or families. Call 774-2302 for services.

In addition, the agency provides for the Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Food Program (WIC) for all of Franklin County from our office at 50 Miles Street in Greenfield. Call 774-2302 to enroll.

Council on Aging Report

During 1991 the Council on Aging Consortium, representing the towns of Ashfield, Buckland, Colrain and Shelburne, approved a Memorandum of Agreement creating a shared directorship supported by appropriations from each town. Shelburne will act as the administrative agency.

The Council on Aging continues to be the major community agency serving the elders of West County. The nutrition program provides meals-on-wheels to homebound seniors and a congregate meal-site three times a week. Ashfield residents participated in 54 meals at the Senior Center and received 856 meals-on-wheels.

The Demand-Response Transportation System offers rides to seniors and handicapped individuals for medical appointments and shopping trips. In 1991, 6 seniors were transported on 295 trips for a total of 6,480 miles. Through funding from the Franklin Regional Transit Authority, the COA received a new mini-van which began operating in May. The new van is more comfortable and fuel efficient, and can be converted to accommodate wheelchair riders. The Ashfield COA will sponsor a weekly route from Ashfield to Shelburne Falls beginning March 10, 1992.

Throughout the year Ashfield seniors were able to participate in a number of health and education programs as well as special cultural and arts programs. Attendance by Ashfield residents was 220. The Council on Aging Consortium received grants from the Shelburne Arts Lottery and the Business Fund for the Arts in Franklin County to organize a photography exhibit entitled "Life in West County, 1900-1950."

Although the caseworker position at the Center was reduced from 10 to 5 hours, outreach work to families needing help continues to grow. Eight individuals and their families received information and help with such issues as hospitalization, home care, nursing home decisions, bereavement, and a variety of physical and emotional problems.

It is the goal of the Council on Aging to reach out to the 265 elder residents of Ashfield to help them maintain a lifestyle with as much independence and dignity as possible. Through its social and recreational activities, through information and referral services, and through an efficient and affordable transportation system, the Ashfield Council on Aging has become a life-line for a great number of people.

Respectfully,

SYLVIA MONK, **Chair**
RON BROWN, **Director**

Dog Officer Report

The Ashfield Dog Officer's activities have increased in the past year. This is due, in part, to the voting and acceptance at our town meeting of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 140, sections 137 and 141. These laws specifically state any dog six months of age or older which is owned by an Ashfield resident must have a valid rabies shot and licensed with the town clerk by April 1st of each year. Failure to comply with this law will result in court action as prescribed in the General Laws. By the later part of 1991 only approximately half of the dog owners in town had licensed their dogs. At this time the town authorized a letter be sent by me to the delinquent dog owners. The majority of dog owners responded promptly and obtained the inoculations and licensed their dogs. In January of 1992 I made personal contact with the remaining delinquent owners with good results. I am hopeful, however, that reminders will not be necessary for 1992 licensing due to the expense to the town and the time involved.

It has been recently publicized, the once extinct mammal disease, Rabies, has entered our area. There have been several hundred cases of Rabies reported within 50 miles from the borders of Ashfield. Rabies are spread by the saliva of an infected animal's bite. Cats, as well as dogs, should be inoculated as feline Rabies is even more common, especially in the rural areas. This disease attacks the central nervous system in animals and humans and once infected can lead to a very violent and ugly death. Hopefully every dog and cat owner will take the time to get their pets the necessary inoculations to protect our town's occupants. Should any person observe a domestic animal acting strange or a wild animal seemingly unafraid of human activity, please contact me at once. In my absence the police department can be called. My records show there were four confirmed dog bite cases this year in Ashfield and fortunately all dogs had been inoculated.

There have been several reports of dog harassment to people jogging, riding or walking in Ashfield. This harassment seems to be in the form of dogs barking, chasing, or just being "pests." I now have an electronic device which emits a very loud and objectionable noise audible only to dogs. This device is **not harmful** to dogs but does discourage continued annoyance. The device, which runs on a 9 volt battery and is about wallet size, is available on loan for anyone to try on their exercise routes. If successful, information is available on how it can be purchased.

Every year the dog officer's position seems to become more diversified with interesting and unusual happenings. In late April a concerned citizen notified me that a house cat had been hit by an automobile and needed medical attention. Upon arriving on the scene I discovered that the house cat was, in fact, a medium sized Bobcat. The cat was semiconscious and not very friendly. I took the cat to Dr. Tom Cranston for a check-up and it was determined that the cat was only stunned so I transported it to my kennel and notified the state authorities. After some feeding and an overnight stay at my kennel the cat was ready to be released back to its habitat. Since I was the only one able to get near the

cat, I took it to an area close to where it was hit and coaxed it to leave the cage. Although extremely leery at first, once confident no danger prevailed the cat wasted little time running off into the woods.

During the past year there have been a few cases of animal neglect reported to me. I have contacted the MSPCA for advice and guidance on these matters. It seems the state budget cuts have affected them also and their wishes are to have the dog officers handle the problems. If anyone sees or hears of any animal neglect or cruelty please notify me so an investigation can be started. Anyone having questions or concerns regarding any dog or cat problem can reach me at 628-3811. All lost and found notices are posted in the Post Office, Elmers' and Rice's stores.

DOG STATISTICS

Dogs placed	6
Dogs destroyed	0
Phone Calls	1,635
Dogs confined	35
Cats confined	5
Mileage	1,950
Labor hours	805
Kennel expense	$136.29
Fines collected	$310.00

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN KIRKPATRICK
Dog Officer

Ashfield Energy Resources Commission Report

1991 was another busy year for the commission with our main focus on the transfer station and how to lower disposal costs by increasing efficiency. The townspeople continue to support recycling, even with the new restrictions on paper products imposed by the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF). This support continues to save the town thousands of dollars annually.

Several projects were completed this year at the transfer station. The plastics recycling program was put in place and a full load of plastic is being hauled away every two weeks (certainly better than going in the compactor!).

A roof was constructed and installed over the compactor to prevent water and snow from infiltrating the compactor which reduces the weight of what we're dumping, a further reduction in disposal costs.

The commission helped support the gas heating conversion at Mohawk Trail Regional High School. This will greatly reduce the rising electric bills all member towns must pay.

The commission had an educational booth at the Fall Festival about household hazardous wastes, what many common hazards are and alternative suggestions of environmentally friendly products available to use.

A work bee was held in November at the transfer station and a children's recycling center was created for clothes, toys and accessories. General clean up before winter and handouts were made available concerning the new guidelines for paper recycling.

Chris Reid continued to keep all of us informed through her monthly column in the Ashfield News. She and Tom McCrumm attended the monthly meetings of the Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative. The Coop, and Ashfield as a member received an award from the state recognizing our great efforts to reduce landfill waste through recycling.

The commission again would like to thank the Library for overseeing the book exchange and all those who have made the Mohawk Bottle Drive a success. Thanks again to all Ashfield residents for your cooperation. You help save the town money and preserve the environment a little longer!

PHILIP PLESS, **Chair**
TOM McCRUMM
CURT PICHETTE
CHRIS REID
ALICE PRATT
BILLY GUILD (Hawley Rep.)

Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative

The Towns of Ashfield, Chesterfield, Goshen, Hatfield, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg and Worthington make up the Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative. The HRMC is a unique organization created and funded by the member towns to help them solve the complicated problems associated with waste disposal. The HRMC as part of its charter is directed to create a comprehensive waste management strategy and to implement this strategy on behalf of the eleven member towns.

First and foremost, this strategy involves the recycling of as many materials as possible including paper, cardboard, glass bottles, metal cans, and plastics. Secondly, the implementation of proper waste disposal methods for bulky waste, bulky metals, white goods, demolition debris, tires, household hazardous waste, leaf and yard waste composting along with the disposal of everyday household trash which cannot be recycled. Third, a broad based public education program focusing on recycling and Household Hazardous Waste (HHW). The program is designed to help make Hilltown area residents aware of what is and is not recyclable along with what HHW is, why it is so expensive to dispose of and what are safer alternatives that we can all use to avoid these dangerous products in the first place.

During the past year, January 1, 1991-December 31, 1991, the HRMC has been involved in at least 6 major efforts on behalf of the eleven member communities. These efforts were:

1) Household hazardous waste collection and education program. Started in November 1991 in which the HRMC will sponsor and administrate a public education campaign which will describe to Hilltown residents what Household Hazardous Waste is, why it is so expensive to dispose of them, and what are safer alternatives products. The second portion of this program will involve the collection of HHW from the 5 lucky households in each town on or about Earthday, April 22, 1992.

2) Continued implementation of the HRMC's education programs and campaigns. The HRMC has been using an approach combining information outlets such as the schools, town meetings, the transfer stations, the local newspapers and of course, word of mouth to spread the word about recycling and proper waste disposal habits. The HRMC has prepared a number of informational handouts for residents and will continue to provide this service to all of the member communities during the upcoming year, especially concerning the HRMC's Household Hazardous Waste Education and Collection program.

3) Continuing the HRMC's plastic container recycling program involves the recycling of plastic jugs. After the collection of #1 PET and #2 HDPE containers in your town the containers are hauled to the Williamsburg transfer station where they are sorted and baled for the benefit of all eleven member towns. The HRMC then markets the plastic material for the towns. Between 1/1/91 and 12/31/91 over 35 tons of plastic were recycled, saving the towns a combined $3,500 in hauling and disposal costs and earning the HRMC $2,450 in revenues.

4) Continued monitoring of the eleven Town Recycling hauling bid. This involved hiring one hauler to transport recyclables to the Materials Recycling Facility in Springfield (MRF) for all eleven member towns combined. The original contract implemented in spring 1990 saved each of the towns a significant amount of their trash hauling fees and despite the unfortunate cutbacks in September 1991, the MRF continues to save each of the towns a significant amount of money in avoided disposal costs (trash which gets recycled instead of being disposed of at the Northampton Regional Landfill). Overall, approximately 100 tons goes to the MRF each month from all eleven member towns combined (down from 115 tons before the changes at the MRF). This 100 tons represents an avoided cost savings of $5,500 each month or $66,000 each year.

5) Monitoring and administration of the trash disposal contracts with the City of Northampton regional landfill now being used by ten of the HRMC member communities. To date, there have not been any significant problems and the combined effect of using a landfill closer to the Hilltowns, along with the lower hauling prices on the recyclables hauling contract, has helped to further reduce trash hauling fees in a significant fashion for all of the towns. In total, 2,720 tons (230 tons/month) of waste came in from the 10 HRMC communities to the City of Northampton regional landfill at a total disposal cost of $149,600 during this past year. The price for disposal at the Northampton regional landfill was also reduced from $65 to $55 per ton during this past year, saving the towns an additional $25,000 in disposal costs.

6) Continue the role of helping to provide stress relief for local Boards during these times of great fiscal uncertainty. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts disposal regulations are very complex and are changing all of the time. The HRMC Coordinator will continue to advise and work with the towns as disposal related problems arise. These problems range in nature from siting new transfer stations, understanding the new landfill closure regulations, helping the towns put out to bid contracts for trash hauling or the purchase of new equipment to be used at the transfer stations. Good communications between the towns and the state or any other regulatory body is the key to helping get things done in a timely cost efficient fashion, and the HRMC Coordinator is there for the towns to use in this role as they need.

A major goal of the HRMC is to help the towns keep down long-term solid waste disposal costs during the tough fiscal times ahead by organizing the solid waste disposal and recycling effort amongst the eleven member communities. During this past fiscal year the towns have all been able to continue to stabilize their solid waste disposal budgets as a direct result of the actions and the leadership provided by the HRMC. Clearly, the best way to protect the environment, continue to save the member towns money and educate people in terms of proper and safe waste disposal habits is to work together. I thoroughly enjoy this job and assisting the HRMC member communities. I look forward to the upcoming year with great promise and expectation. This is your cooperative and together we can make it work.

Respectfully submitted,

ERIC WEISS
Coordinator, HRMC

Report of the Ashfield Historical Commission

After many years, seven to be more precise, the Ashfield Plain Historic District has been accepted by the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The Massachusetts Historical Commission finished their review, approved the application and sent it on to Washington. In late October 1991 the Ashfield Historical Commission was delighted to receive an official National Register certificate which is now on display in the Town Hall.

Deanne Brochu and Ruth Craft returned to the commission. Dee could only stay for a short while and is greatly missed. The Selectmen approved Betsy Beebe to serve on the commission and we are happy to have her join us. Norma Harris continues to send us excellent inventories of structures that turn 50 years old. We are grateful for this help. In October the Commission reorganized and named Richard Turner as its chairperson.

Now that the Ashfield Plain Historic District is on the National Register we would like to turn our attention to encouraging the preservation of Ashfield's valuable historical assets. To this end and with the Selectmen's blessings we have taken on the responsibility for the preservation and maintenance of the Town Hall. At this time we would like to extend an open invitation to everyone in town to get involved in preserving Ashfield. Involvement can be as simple as drawing our attention to something that needs protection or as practical as coming to work on the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

BETSY BEEBE
RUTH CRAFT
SUSAN McGOWAN
RICHARD TURNER, JR. **Chair**
ANNE YURYAN
The Ashfield Historical Commission

Conservation Commission Report

The duties of the Conservation Commission include local application of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, as well as other conservation-related duties. We ask all Ashfield citizens to take seriously the protection of our local natural resources by bringing to our attention any concerns regarding local wetlands protection, endangered species, timber cutting, etc. Most of our regular business involves review of Requests for Determination, and Notices of Intent, under the Wetlands Act.

Requests for Determination result in a decision by the Conservation Commission as to whether the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act applies to a given project. When any doubt exists as to whether excavation, construction, or related activities will take place within 100 feet of wetlands, the Commission should be notified, and a Determination will be made.

Notice of Intent is filed by a landowner to inform the Commission when work is to take place with wetlands or their 100-foot buffer zone. If work is clearly within the wetlands or buffer zone, the Request for Determination is usually bypassed. Submitting a Notice of Intent provides the Commission with a clear plan of what construction is proposed. On this basis, a public hearing is advertised and held, at which the applicant, abutters, and anyone else may participate. Following the hearing, site visits by Commission members, and approval by the regional office of DEP in Springfield, an Order of Conditions is usually issued, which specifies how wetlands are to be protected.

During calendar year 1991, Conservation Commission reviewed 12 Notices of Intent, 1 Request for Determination, and 33 other inquiries. A total of 15 public hearing sessions were held, and 28 site visits made during 1991. Notices of Intent included the single largest project ever reviewed by the Conservation Commission, for a 9-hole golf course along Barnes Road.

Fees collected total $1,325.00 for calendar year 1991, of which $762.50 was deposited with Ashfield, and the remainder with the State Department of Environmental Protection. Under state law, these fees are used to support Conservation Commission business and other environmental expenditures on the part of the Town.

In 1991 we have continued to inform townspeople about our activities with a monthly report in the *Ashfield News*. Our minutes are on file at the Town Hall, as are maps showing the location of endangered species habitats within Ashfield, and site plans for all work under the Commission's jurisdiction. These records may be seen upon request to the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD WEBER, **Secretary**
ALAN SURPRENANT, **Chair**
DONALD LESURE
RICHARD MULLER
DANIEL PHELPS

Report of the Planning Board

After the expiration of Merton Libby's term the Town elected Joel Arsenault of Norton Hill Road at the annual election. In September Edward Lagoy of Watson-Spruce Corner Road was appointed to the Board following the resignation of Richard Chandler.

The Planning Board has continued to review and rewrite the proposed Bylaws following the rejection of the proposals put forth at the Town Meeting in June. We would like to thank those that have continued to assist us with their ideas and efforts. Notably Alden Gray, Jack McNiff, Cynthia Cranston, Mary Fitz-Gibbon and Norm Russell. We welcome any and all input that will help us perform the functions of the Planning Board for the Town.

The Planning Board endorsed six divisions of land through the ANR (Approval Not Required) process during the past year. The number presented has declined significantly from previous years, apparently a reflection of the state of the local and national economies.

Also there has been a decrease in the number of Special Permit applications and hearings, only three compared to ten in 1990. There was a special hearing conducted in May concerning the cutting of brush on Smith Road that was required by law because the road is classified as "Scenic."

Our minutes and records are on file at the Town Hall. These records may be seen upon request to the Planning Board.

Respectfully submitted,

THE PLANNING BOARD

Mary Priscilla Howes Fund Finance Committee Report

The Mary Priscilla Howes Fund was set up in 1989. The interest earned from the fund is to be used for the enhancement and enrichment of the Ashfield residents by promoting events and projects of cultural or historical importance.

In fiscal '91 the Finance Committee distributed $500 from this fund to assist in the publication of "The Collected Poems of Mary Priscilla Howes." This publication was made possible through the cooperative efforts of the Ashfield Historical Society and the Belding Memorial Library. A grant of $200 was also given to the Sanderson Academy Parent Advisory Committee to sponsor the Cambodian Dancers performance as part of the school's study of world culture.

Donations may be made to the Mary Priscilla Howes Fund either through the town office or any Finance Committee member.

Applications to request funding for programs or projects are available at the town office or obtained from any member of the Finance Committee.

THOMAS CRANSTON, **Chairman**
MATHILDA NAVIAS
PATRICIA LIBBY
WILLIAM FAIRCHILD
CYNTHIA CLARKE
Finance Committee

Annual Report of the Superintendent of Schools

This year, there is an ongoing debate regarding the future of education in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Governor Weld and the members of the Legislature have indicated that public education needs to be assigned top priority for the next few years. There is a strong consensus that major changes need to be made in public education systems if we expect to be able to compete for jobs on the international market.

As of January, 1992, there are three educational proposals that have been developed by the Massachusetts Business Alliance, the Joint Education Committee and the Weld/Cellucci plan. Many of the components of the various reform proposals are based on the adoption of successful business practices in the public education sector.

It is anticipated that educational reform legislation will be formulated using the various components of these plans. The Governor has included $200 million in additional funds in his proposed FY '93 budget, contingent upon the passage of an educational reform package. The passage of this legislation will bring about sweeping changes in public education in the Commonwealth. A summary of these proposals is as follows:

1. **School Based Management** — More authority will be given to principals. They will have the authority to hire and dismiss teachers in consultation with the superintendent. Teachers will have a more active role in decision making as it relates to the hiring of staff and budget matters.

2. School committees will function more as a board of directors. They will hire and dismiss the superintendent. They will not be involved in the operational aspects of the school. The superintendent will be responsible for hiring, evaluating, and dismissing principals.

3. There will be an active school governance council that will advise the principal on curriculum, personnel, and budget related matters.

4. Tenure and seniority for teachers may be eliminated.
5. Preschool programs for three and four year old children at risk would be mandated.
6. School Choice would be continued in all three plans.
7. Curriculum and assessment testing will be mandated for all students and a framework for each curriculum area may be established.

Community members need to carefully review these educational reform plans as they will have a significant impact on public education. Public hearings will be held on the proposed legislation. It's important for residents to contact their legislators with any concerns about these educational reform plans. We also need to be wary of any reform packages that require numerous changes in education, but don't provide sufficient funding to local communities in order to carry out the mandates.

During the past two years, there has been an active K-12 Committee on Organization that has been studying operational and governance structures of the eight town school system. At the present time, there are six separate school committees with 44 school committee members. Some school committee members serve on both the elementary and high school committees. There are separate budgets, teacher contracts, and methods of operation for all school committees. The present methods of operation cause a considerable duplication of effort on the part of the school committees. The superintendent, and other members of the Central Office staff.

The K-12 Committee on Organization consists of school committee members, town officials, and administrators. The committee is developing a K-12 proposal that will be presented to the voters this spring. There are many complicated issues that will need to be addressed in the regional agreement. Some of these issues include school committee voting representation, building ownership, payment of operation and capital costs, and the establishment of local education councils for each school.

There are also increasing needs for additional classroom space in several of the schools in the nine town area. Mohawk's projected enrollment for 1996 is approximately 900 students, which represents an increase of 200 students. Buckland-Shelburne Regional will increase to 460 students next year with all space being utilized to full capacity. Rowe will need additional classroom space as the cafeteria and art room have been converted for classroom space. Sanderson Academy rents two classrooms at The Ashfield House. Heath is exploring the option of building an elementary school. At the present time, there are several committees reviewing options to alleviate the classroom space needs in various schools over the next several years.

School committees have held several meetings with town officials who have requested that school assessments be restricted to modest increases for next year. After considerable discussion and realizing the financial condition of local communities, the Mohawk, BCS, and HRS School Committees have decided to limit assessment requests to 2½

percent based on the FY '92 budget. School committees recognize the financial problems that all local communities have faced for the last several years in order to pay school assessments. This has caused town officials to reduce services in most communities.

The school committees realize that there are great risks in educational programs and personnel for next year with the budget plan. If the state **does not** increase funding to regional schools, school committees will be required to make large reductions in their budgets. Budget increases at the local level will be small, which means that the school committees are dependent upon the state for increased funds that will be necessary to provide similar educational services to what exists at the schools this year.

In closing, I want to thank the many people who have continued to support the schools during these difficult times.

Respectfully submitted,

BRUCE E. WILLARD
Superintendent of Schools

Sanderson Academy Principal's Report

Dear Mr. Willard,

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I submit my first report as Acting Principal of Sanderson Academy for the school year 1991-1992.

There were 31 Ashfield students who graduated in June 1991. They are:

Aurelia Ausikaitis	Ely Battalen	Jason Bernier
Laura Brown	Eli Clark	Michael Cohen
Romeo Damato	Megan Duncan-Smith	Larissa Farrell
Daniel Finn	Edward Fuller	Jeffrey Gessing
Curtis Gray	Jed (Edward) Haupt	Riana Heddens
Jessica Heideman	Jesse Horton	Bonnie Johnson
Melissa Kyle Raus	Eric McCulloch	Joshua McGuire
Caitlin Millner	Sean Ouimet	Nancy Parrish
Jacob Phelps	Sara Pichette	Shannon Russell
Benjamin Shields	Daniel Shippee	Mandy Sweet
Jason Zalenski		

Melissa Hodgkins, a tuition student from Hawley, graduated from Sanderson in June.

Our total enrollment on December 1, 1991 equaled 221 students in grades K-6. The numbers of students at each grade level are as follows: kindergarten, 35 children; grade one, 26 children; grade two, 32 children; grade three has 42 children; grade four, 26; grade 5, 30; and sixth grade

totals 32 children. This year there are 159 students enrolled from Ashfield. Plainfield students total 61 and there is one tuition student in Grade Two. All classes are grouped heterogeneously. Classes are grouped in the following manner; 2 sessions of kindergarten, 3 classes of First/Second Combination grades, two Third Grade classes, one Fourth and one Fifth Grade class with aides assisting in each and 2 Sixth Grade classes. The Sixth Grade still occupies 2 classrooms at the Ashfield House.

The faculty this year consists of 10 regular classroom teachers and one Special Needs teacher and one Reading Specialist/Chapter I teacher. This is a reduction of two staff members from the previous year. There are four part-time teachers for art, vocal music, instrumental music and physical education. A psychologist, speech therapist and speech aide provide services three days a week. Essential Skills and Chapter I grant monies remained stable, allowing us to hire two part-time aides who, along with the Reading Teacher, provide supplementary support to students at all grade levels. 1 teacher.

Members of the Sanderson faculty serve on several advisory boards: Early Childhood, Insurance, Regional Task Group on Education, Parent Advisory Board, Middle School Council, and GARP (Group Advisory Review Panel). The latter will oversee and evaluate the effectiveness of Combination First and Second grade classes and make recommendations to the School Committee.

Many programs funded through Chapter 188 of the State of Massachusetts were eliminated; for instance, Horace Mann Funds and School Improvement Monies. Limited funding also eliminated the Basic Skills Tests being given to the Third and Sixth grades. National Assessments will be given to the fourth grade this coming year. Each Spring CTBS (Comprehensive Tests of Basic Skills) are given to students in Grades 4, 5 & 6.

Fundraising and donations from individuals and organizations allowed Sanderson students to broaden their experiences. The Ashfield and Plainfield Arts Lottery Councils funded through the PASS Program two separate trips to UMASS Performing Arts Center. Grades K-3 were entertained with a play about Paddington Bear. Grades 4-6 attended the Fred Garbo Show.

The program with the Arts Council of Franklin County for our Third and Fourth grade students continues. This year, due to funding restrictions, our students will only be partaking in a spring series, "Animals: Symbols In Cultures."

The PTO has worked closely with the school providing not only money, through another very successful Fundraising Event and Book Fair, but providing volunteers for such areas as staffing the Library so that it can remain open for the school day. Staff can apply to the PTO by filling out a request for help to fund Field Trips, etc. Speaking of Field Trips, it has become a yearly event for the Third Grade to travel to Boston for the day and the Fifth Grade to travel to the Keewaydin Environmental Education Center for the week. With the help of parents, PTO, and other Fundraising Events, such as the Magazine Drive, these trips are possible.

The Ashfield Lions Club has been making the monthly payments on the office copier. It will be paid for next October! The Sanderson Alumni Association has donated funds for student activities and materials.

The school year ended in June with a flair thanks to the Ashfield Historical Society donation to fund our all-school project "A Cultural Celebration." This project was begun with a performance by Roger Tincknell and the Elfin Puppet Theater. Each classroom picked a country of the world to study in depth. This was done a few weeks prior to the actual celebration because once it began, there was no time. "Countries" were visited by the other students and parents and as students "crossed the border" their passports were stamped. Elinor Clarke provided funding for Harrison Parker's Indonesian Puppets. An evening performance by the Balkan Dance Troupe and The Cambodian Dancers provided entertainment for the community and was funded through the Mary Priscilla Howes Fund. At an All-School Assembly, which had already become a monthly event in the school, students performed dances, songs, poems, etc., from around the world. A sampling of foods from many countries along with entertainment provided by the students themselves took place on the field behind the school. It was an exciting time for all.

In closing, I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all the staff, students, parents and community for your unfailing support of Sanderson Academy.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNE MARIE MISLAK
Acting Principal

Mohawk Trail Regional High School Annual Report of the Principal

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to present my tenth annual report as principal of the Mohawk Trail Regional High School. The past year at the school has been marked by a rise in population, stabilization of programming, and significant student achievement.

The 1991-1992 school year marked the second year of increase in student population after a six year decline. Mohawk is now at 710 students and projects an increase to about 900 in four years. The staff and school committee are engaged in examining facilities options to deal with the future issue of overcrowding.

Given the generosity of towns, Mohawk was able to restore two important positions from a series of seven personnel reductions two years ago. Students in grades 7-12 once again have the opportunity to gain woodworking and metalworking/auto mechanics skills at the school.

This year, the Mohawk staff is continuing to work on the NEASC accreditation process. Faculty is in the process of evaluating our com-

pliance with the standards of membership, determining our strengths and weaknesses, and looking at recommendations for future change and growth.

Students also excelled. Increasing numbers of students are opting for college admission and graduates of 1991 are heading for prestigious schools including Harvard. Athletes have also performed extremely well in the past years as evidenced by regional and state championship teams. The middle school musical "Big River" was an outstanding success and we expect the spring production of "South Pacific" to also highlight the exceptional talents of Mohawk students.

At this writing the school is preparing for the next academic year. Once again we face the uncertainty of state financial support of education and the confusion engendered by the legislative reform package. It appears that the sole stable support of education are the nine-town citizens who historically do whatever is necessary to insure that their children receive a quality education.

PHILIP A. DZIALO
Principal

1991 MOHAWK GRADUATES - TOWN OF ASHFIELD

Vicki Clark
Willow Cohen
Christos Contakos
Lyn Cranson
Seth Cranston
Eric Dupree
John Gancarz
Tara Gordon
Michelle Lorenzano
Erin Mansur
Anne Marie Mruk
Melissa Muller
Scott Pichette
Sasha Rasid
Christopher Smithers
Seth Spencer
Jacob Wilson
Kachina Yuryan

Special Education Report

As of Decembr 1, 1991, there are 314 children receiving special education services throughout the nine towns of the Mohawk Trail Regional School District. This accounts for approximately 17% of the total student population.

The majority of special services are provided within the individual's school district whenever possible. When, as in some cases, it becomes more effective to provide out-of-district services, such services are sought.

Chapter 766 of the Acts of 1972 requires that, "... school age children: any person of ages three through twenty-one up to his/her twenty-second birthday, who has not obtained a high school diploma or its equivalent and is not progressing effectively in a regular education program because of temporary or more permanent adjustment difficulties or attributes arising from intellectual, sensory, emotional, or physical factors, cerebral dysfunctions, perceptual factors, or other specific learning impairments," may be eligible for special education services.

In order to meet the needs of our students, a wide variety of services are provided. A number of these services and their providers cover the entire nine town district, while others are found in individual districts.

System-wide, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy and the services of an Early Childhood Coordinator are provided. A great deal of the therapy provided is on a one-to-one or small group basis. The goals and objectives that the therapist and student work on are addressed in the child's Individualized Education Plan. These goals and objectives are periodically reviewed so the child's program will continuously provide for the best possible program.

The Early Childhood Coordinator is responsible for implementing federally mandated child search activities in the nine town area throughout the year. The Early Childhood Coordinator coordinates and/or participates in: a) special needs screening of preschoolers age 3 to 5 years; b) special needs screening of Kindergarteners; and c) team meetings of preschoolers and Kindergarteners. The Early Childhood Coordinator acts as a liaison with outside agencies serving young children as well as coordinating special education services to preschoolers ages 3 to 5 years. The Early Childhood Coordinator also acts as a resource person to parents, teachers, and other school staff in regard to resources, programs and services for young special needs children.

The goal of our special education services is to "mainstream," that is to integrate the children into the regular education programs as much as possible. The special education programs within our district strive to mainstream youngsters as much as possible. There are ten special needs rooms throughout the nine town district. Most of the students serviced by these programs are seen for areas such as language arts, math, study skills, etc. The special education instructor often coordinates the child's program with that of the regular education program. With the assistance

of the special education aides, the goals and objectives of each child's Individualized Education Plan are implemented and periodically evaluated.

Each of the schools within our district receives services from a school psychologist. The school psychologist contributes a variety of services to our schools. Chief among these services are their assessments of individual's ability and the counseling provided to individuals.

All of the support services provided within our nine town district depend upon the strong networking of talents. Parents, through individual and Parent Advisory Council support, school personnel and outside support agencies, all assist in providing guidance in programs for children in both special and regular education programs. It is this coordinated effort that strengthens special educational programs and enables us to meet the special needs of those we serve.

RICHARD J. McINERNY, **Director**
Special Education

School District Library/Media Services Report

Once again our school district libraries participated in the Western Massachusetts Purchasing Consortium. Membership allowed libraries to purchase print and non-print material from designated vendors at a considerable savings. The consortium is organized and administered by the Western Massachusetts Regional Library System in Hatfield and serves both school and public libraries.

Federal Block Grant allocations distributed by the state amounted to a total of $5,509 this year for the acquisition of science material for all our school libraries. This money will only be available for the next two fiscal years and is unfortunately in the process of being eliminated completely.

Another disparaging note is that the overall circulation of library material decreased by almost 3,000 books from last year. Although enrollment continues to increase, drastic reductions in library hours have adversely affected the circulation of materials. The statistics for our six school libraries for 1991 are as follows:

Print Material	34,796
Non-Print Material	3,550
Interlibrary Loan	123
Total Circulation K-12	38,469

Community support of our school libraries, however, has been overwhelming. From the tremendous participation at the Octoberfest library fundraiser for the Buckland-Shelburne School this fall to the incredible generosity of such individuals as Carol Otis Hurst and Neil Eric Potter, we have indeed been fortunate to acquire a vast array of new material for all age levels. The many in-kind contributions and monetary donations have certainly been appreciated as well; a special thank you is extended to Edith Greenlees, Wendy Miner and the Clarke-Conrad family for their unique contributions. Continued community support of our school library/media programs and direct involvement in their activities are greatly appreciated.

District library/media staff serving the six schools are as follows: Buckland-Shelburne Regional Elementary School - Toni Wilcox; Colrain Central School - Eugenie Lynch; Sanderson Academy - Beverly Williams and Barbara Pantermehl; Rowe Elementary School - Wanda Musacchio; Mohawk Trail Regional School - Marjorie Porrovecchio, Julie DuPree, Pat Hinds and Susan Silvester and Hawlemont Regional School - Candy Cross.

SUSAN B. SILVESTER, Ed.D.
Director of Instructional Media K-12

Ashfield Plainfield Regional School District

Balance Sheet as of June 30, 1991

After Final Transfers

ASSETS:		
Cash		
United Bank	$62,667.78	
M.M.D.T.	34,532.74	$97,200.52
To Be Received:		
Town of Ashfield		
Town of Plainfield		
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		
To Be Received:		
Chapter 70		
Chapter 71, Reg. Aid		
Chapter 71, Transp.		
Chapter 71, SPED Transp.		
TOTAL ASSETS:		$97,200.52

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES:		
Payroll Deductions:		
Blue Cross/Blue Shield		$ 1,687.53
Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Other		2.40
School Lunch Fund	$(1,890.39)	
Meals Tax	(2.76)	(1,893.15)
Grants:		
School Improvement FY 91	3.05	3.05
Estimated Receipts:		
Interest		
Miscellaneous		
Comm. of MA.		
Tuition		
Band Revolving Fund		46.97
Unrestricted Surplus		46,335.86
Operating Budget		0.00
Encumbered Salaries FY 91		51,021.06
Insufficient Funds Returned Checks		(3.20)
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND RESERVES:		$97,200.52

Mohawk Trail Regional School District

Balance Sheet as of June 30, 1991

After Final Transfers

ASSETS:		
United Bank NOW	$253,416.18	
United Bank E.O.E.R.		
United Bank Money Market		
M.M.D.T.	145,856.08	
M.M.D.T., Asbestos	81,493.98	$480,766.24
Accounts Receivable:		
Town of:		
Ashfield		
Buckland		
Charlemont		
Colrain		
Hawley		
Heath		
Plainfield		
Shelburne		
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
Chapter 70		
Regional Aid		
Transportation		
SPED Transportation		

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES:		
Asbestos Fund Balances:		
Federal		
State		$ 81,493.98
Asbestos Expense		
Asbestos Interest Receipts		
Asbestos, Other Receipts		
Payroll Deductions:		
Blue Cross/ Blue Shield	$ 9,248.65	
United Way	(40.00)	9,208.65
Blue Cross/Blue Shield Other		(668.21)
Cafeteria:		
School Lunch	(22,125.73)	
Meals Tax	0.00	(22,125.73)
Music Fund		4.74
Athletic Fund		9,514.33
Grants**		(12,739.70)
Estimated Receipts:		
Interest		

Tuition Receipts:	
TOTAL ASSETS	$480,766.24

Miscellaneous	
Tuition	
Comm. of MA	
Due to Vocational Acct. (FY '91 Transp.)	16,945.00
Driver Education Account	104.72
Rotating Salaries Account	(6,133.16)
999 Account	(91.00)
Encumbered Salaries	187,092.75
Unrestricted Surplus	86,776.40
Restricted Surplus	123,871.00
Gas Conversion Project	(5,028.78)
School Budget Balance	0.00
Librarian Salary Account	
Nilman Bequest	(475.00)
Camp Keewanee Summer Program	14,576.25
SPED Van Reimbursement	(1,560.00)
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	$480,766.24

Mohawk Trail Regional School District

Other Than Appropriations

Fiscal Year 1991

	Expended
Athletic Revolving	$ 44,224.30
Band Revolving	590.00
Cafeteria Revolving	154,154.36
Driver Ed Program	11,905.28
Newsletter - Elementary Schools	1,000.00
Keewanee Brokering	20,981.18
Vocational Brokering	479,541.80
Encumbrances -	
From '90 Appropriation for Salaries	141,405.27
Grants & Revolvings to pay Smr. Sals. not encumbered	8,072.68
FY 91 Rotating Salaries	149,448.13
Nilman Expenses	475.00
Other Suspense Items	23,250.58
Federal Grants:	
89-813 Adaptive P.E.	23,179.78
ECIA Block Grants	12,440.18
ECIA Chapter I Grants	144,205.98
94-142 VI-B Grants	86,022.17
Drug Free Grants	7,806.09
Early Childhood Summer Enrichment Programs	10,455.00
EESA-Math/Science	4,044.09
State Grants:	
Commonwealth Inservice Grants	4,431.94
Chapter 188 Grants	31,154.19
EEOG Grant	29,616.00
Deaf Guidelines Grant	1,950.08
School Improvement Grant	1,181.24
Employees Withholdings, etc.	1,025,425.49
Borrowed in Anticipation (Short-Term Principal)	300,000.00
Elevator/Handicap Access Rollover	161,000.00
Asbestos Rollover	130,000.00
Vocational Rollover	535,000.00
FY'91 TOTAL - OTHER THAN APPROPRIATIONS	$3,542,960.81

Appropriation Account	Appropriation	Expended
Administration:		
School Committee Expenses	$ 15,050.00	$ 21,433.98
Treasurer Office Expenses	15,420.00	15,781.58
Superintendent Office Expenses	131,277.00	126,460.41
	$ 161,747.00	$ 163,675.97
Instructional:		
Supervision/Coordinator Expense	$ 98,684.00	$ 101,498.83
Principal Office Expense	166,562.00	167,256.71
Classroom Teaching Expense	1,828,700.00	1,707,115.77
Textbook Expense	22,744.00	22,143.39
Library Expense	52,921.00	56,520.68
Audio-Visual Expense	18,249.00	17,026.71
Student Services Expense	97,099.00	127,422.29
Psychological Expense	45,464.00	44,753.86
	$2,330,423.00	$2,243,738.24
Other School Services:		
Attendance Officer Services	$ 325.00	$ 325.00
Health Services	23,408.00	22,963.99
Pupil Transportation - Regular	624,125.00	688,676.03
Pupil Transportation - SPED	15,752.00	11,782.58
Food Services	0.00	0.00
Athletics	0.00	1,322.00
	$ 663,610.00	$ 725,069.60
Operation & Maintenance of Plant:		
Custodial	$ 156,919.00	$ 158,237.32
Electric/Gas	136,550.00	174,834.70
Rubbish Removal/Water Testing	2,058.00	3,222.81
Telephones	7,700.00	6,468.75
Yards & Grounds	6,050.00	6,230.73
School Bldg. Maintenance & Repair	30,500.00	27,905.08
School Bldg. Equipment Maintenance	22,299.00	14,832.18
	$ 362,076.00	$ 391,731.57
Fixed Charges:		
Retirement Assessments	$ 80,397.00	$ 78,922.30
Insurances	354,935.00	332,781.39
Short-Term Interest	0.00	6,993.29
	$ 435,332.00	$ 418,696.98
Community Services:		
Transportation - Private Schools	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Acquisition of Fixed Assets:		
New Equipment	$ 18,417.00	$ 14,797.38
Replacement Equipment	16,584.00	12,029.71
	$ 35,001.00	$ 26,827.09

Debt Retirement:		
10 Yr. Asbestos Principal	$ 32,500.00	$ 32,500.00
13 Yr. Govt. Asbestos Principal	5,000.00	5,000.00
Elevator/Handicap Principal	23,000.00	23,000.00
10 Yr. Asbestos Interest & Cost	10,562.00	11,910.72
Elevator/Handicap Int., Fees & Cost	11,960.00	13,484.62
	$ 83,022.00	$ 85,895.34
Programs with Other Districts		
MA. Schools	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Out-of-State Schools	10,600.00	10,600.00
Non-Public Schools	0.00	0.00
Collaboratives	3,500.00	3,500.00
	$ 14,100.00	$ 14,100.00
FY 91 - Appropriations Only	$4,085,311.00	$4,069,734.79
M.T.R.S.D. Total FY 91 Expended		$7,612,695.60

Mohawk Trail Regional School District
Vocational Account

Balance Sheet as of June 30, 1991
After Final Transfers

ASSETS:		
Cash, M.M.D.T.	$319,352.03	
Cash, State Street	11,034.57	$330,386.60
Accounts Receivable:		
Towns		414,613.40
TOTAL ASSETS		$745,000.00

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	
Notes Payable	$745,000.00
Due to General Fund	
Interest Expense	
Miscellaneous Expense	
Tuition Expense	
Transportation Expense	
Transportation - Town of Cummington	
Interest Earnings	
Miscellaneous Receipts	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	$745,000.00

List of Appropriations — Fiscal 1992

The following is a true list of appropriations voted at the Annual Town Meeting held on May 4, 1991:

	Trans./Bor.	Taxation	Avail. Funds
Adm. Asst./Acct.	$ 0.00	$ 26,384.00	
Appeals Bd.		360.00	
Assessors Exp. - Free Cash			$ 16,412.00
Audit & Acctg.		2,750.00	
Belding Library		7,620.00	
Blue Cross		34,175.00	
Bonds		800.00	
Bldg. Insp. Program		17,102.96	
Conservation Comm.		100.00	
County Dispatch		10,837.20	
Dog Officer Exp.		150.00	
Elections		774.00	
Employee Benefits			
Sick Leave		3,300.00	
Vacations, etc.		11,500.00	
Fires/Equipment		16,000.00	
Fire Protection		1,693.52	
Fire Truck Loan			
Principal		20,000.00	
Interest		5,027.91	
Fuel Expense Acct. - Free Cash			
Fire			750.00
Highway/Ambulance			12,250.00
Police			3,500.00
Health Board		650.00	
Health District		15,603.00	
Heating Town Buildings		3,800.00	
Highway			
Grader Loan			
Principal		15,530.00	
Interest		1,230.52	
Machinery Maintenance Expense		40,000.00	
New Machinery - Fred Cross			4,000.00
Superintendent's Salary		28,560.00	
Historical Commission		200.00	
Inspector of Animals		150.00	
Insurance			
Public Office Liability		2,928.00	
Town Building/Equipment		23,500.00	
Interest on Loans		5,000.00	
Lifeguard		4,750.00	
Medicare/Retirement		8,000.00	
Memorial Day		500.00	
Office Expenses		4,000.00	

Office Clerical	5,000.00	
Parks/Beach - Free Cash		2,500.00
Planning Board Expense	1,635.00	
Police Chief Salary	27,484.00	
Police Dept.	27,450.00	
Registrars of Voters	500.00	
Reserve Fund	10,000.00	
Retirement System	18,970.00	
Roads		
General Highway - Chapter 81	65,000.00	
Winter Roads	65,000.00	
Schools		
Ashfield/Plainfield	366,380.00	
Mohawk Trail	457,585.85	
Sewer Loan		
Principal	15,000.00	
Interest	2,973.08	
Soldiers' Graves	700.00	
Street Lights	3,600.00	
Street Lists	450.00	
Tax Collector's Expense	3,800.00	
Town Clerk's Expense	750.00	
Town Counsel	7,500.00	
Town Hall	4,000.00	
Town Officers		
Selectmen (Chairman)	1,000.00	
Selectmen (2 @ $800.00)	1,600.00	
Assessor (Chairman)	1,000.00	
Assessors (2 @ $800.00)	1,600.00	
Moderator	100.00	
Civil Defense Director	300.00	
Treasurer	4,000.00	
Tax Collector	4,000.00	
Town Clerk	3,000.00	
Fire Chief	600.00	
Dog Officer	400.00	
Board of Health (3 @ $300.00)	900.00	
School Committee Chairman	200.00	
School Committee (2 @ $150.00)	300.00	
Town Reports	2,000.00	
Transfer Station	60,000.00	
Hilltown Resource Management	5,100.00	
Treasurer's Expense	1,100.00	
Tree Warden	2,000.00	
Unemployment Compensation	500.00	
Veterans' Benefits	100.00	
Veterans' Center	3,450.00	
Workmen's Compensation	12,500.00	
	$1,502,504.04	$ 39,412.00

The following is a true list of appropriations voted at the Special Town Meeting held on December 16, 1991:

	Transfer	Taxation	Avail. Funds	Borrow
Roads, Chapter 33				$ 152,826.00
Office Clerical (Free Cash)			$ 3,174.00	

ATTEST: LORRAINE GORDON
Town Clerk

	Transfer	Taxation	Avail. Funds	Borrow
TOTALS		$1,502,504.04	$ 42,586.00	$ 152,826.00

Town Meeting Warrant

NOTE: This Warrant is for the voter's information only and changes, additions and/or deletions may occur prior to the posting of the Official Warrant.

FRANKLIN, §:

To any of the Constables of the Town of Ashfield in the County of Franklin, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Ashfield, on Saturday, the second of May next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator, Auditor, Treasurer, Town Clerk and Tree Warden, all for One year terms. A Selectman, Assessor, Two Finance Committee Members, Sanderson School Committee Member, Mohawk Trail Regional School Committee Member Board, Board of Health Member, a Park Commissioner, and Three Constables, all for Three year terms. A Member of the Planning Board and a Library Trustee, each for a Five year term. A Board of Health Member to fill a One year unexpired term and a Library Trustee for an unexpired Three year term. Polls may close at 6:00 p.m.

ARTICLE 2. To act on the reports of the Town Officers.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $55,000.00 to operate and maintain the Transfer Station and Recycling Facility, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,100.00 for the annual operational and administrative expenses of the Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative (HRMC), or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5. "To see which of the following two procedures, A or B, the Town chooses for selecting its representative(s) to the County legislative body if the Franklin County Charter is approved at the November 3, 1992 election:

A. The town representative(s) to the County Town Meeting shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

B. The Town representative(s) to the County Town Meeting shall be elected by the town's registered voters.

Failure to vote, or a tie vote, on the method of representation will result in representation by election."

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the Town of Ashfield calls upon the Legislature to annually appropriate and fully distribute the legally required 15% of gas receipts to cities and towns, for the construction, maintenance, and policing of local roads.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $65,000.00 in anticipation of partial reimbursement under Chapter 497 of the General Laws, Acts of 1971, as amended, and transfer into a General Highway Fund, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $65,000.00 for Winter Roads, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $14,000.00 to purchase a new plow and sander for the Highway Department, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $15,809.99 in order to pay the principal of $15,530.00 and $279.99 of interest on the Highway Grader Loan, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of any used Town Owned Equipment and/or property, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $40,000.00 for a Highway Equipment Maintenance account, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of $17,750.00 (Fire Dept., $750; Police Dept., $4,000; Ambulance and Highway, $13,000) to pay the fuel and oil costs for Town Vehicles, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the action taken to terminate Ashfield's membership in the Foothills Health District as of June 30, 1992 as voted under Article 15 at the Annual Town Meeting held on May 4, 1991 and, further-

more, to raise and appropriate the sum of $12,051.20 to pay the Town's share of the Fiscal 1993 cost of operating the Foothills Health District and the sum of $550.00 for the operating expenses of the Board of Health, and to terminate its membership and withdraw from the District as of June 30, 1993, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14A. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay the costs of a Health Agent and the regular operating expenses of the Board of Health, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the following accounts:

Blue Cross/Blue Shield	$ 45,000.00
Bonds	800.00
Care of Soldiers' Graves	700.00
Council on Aging	1,711.50
Civil Defense Expenses	150.00
Dog Officer Expenses	150.00
Elections	1,100.00
Heating Town Buildings	3,800.00
Inspector of Animals	150.00
Interest on Loans	6,500.00
Medicare & Social Security	9,500.00
Memorial Day	500.00
Office Expenses	4,000.00
Registrars of Voters	500.00
Retirement System	22,211.00
Street Lights	3,400.00
Street Lists	450.00
Town Counsel	7,500.00
Town Hall	4,000.00
Town Reports	2,000.00
Tree Warden	3,000.00
Unemployment Compensation	500.00
Veterans' Benefits	100.00
Veterans' Center	3,729.62
Workmen's Compensation	13,750.00
	$135,202.12

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the following accounts:

Accounting & Audit Service	$ 2,750.00
Administrative Assistant	21,000.00
Accountant	7,000.00
Appeals, Board of	360.00
Conservation Commission	100.00
Employee Benefits -	
Vacations, Holidays, etc.	13,410.00
Sick Leave	3,200.00
Highway Superintendent's Salary	29,450.00
Historical Commission	200.00
Insurance -	
Public Official Liability	3,350.00
Property, Liability & Fleet	23,500.00
Office - Clerical	8,174.00
Planning Board Expenses	1,635.00
Police Chief's Salary	28,350.00
Police Chief's Holiday Pay	1,100.00
Tax Collector's Expenses	3,500.00
Town Clerk's Expenses	645.00
Town Officers	18,700.00
Treasurer's Expenses	1,000.00
	$167,424.00

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $19,700.00 for Assessors' Expenses, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $28,000.00 to be used for the general operations of the Police Department, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,837.20 to pay our share of the dispatching costs of the Franklin County Emergency Dispatch Center, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $16,620.00 for Fires & Equipment, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $22,790.00 in order to pay $20,000.00 towards the principal ($60,000.00) and $2,790.00 of interest on the Fire Department Pumper/Tanker Loan, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $4,300.00 from Free Cash in order to pay the costs of hepatitis shots for all the members of Ashfield's Emergency Services, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $50,000.00 from Free Cash to be placed in the Stabilization Fund, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to contract with the Ashfield Water District for the use of hydrants for fire protection and to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,693.52 for that purpose, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $16,288.90 in order to pay $15,000 towards the principal ($24,750) and $1,288.90 of interest on the Sewer Loan, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 26. (Although the wording for this article is not complete at this time, there will be an article asking for authorization, and possibly an appropriation, to proceed with a preliminary sewer design report for a solar aquatics treatment facility.)

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and or transfer from Available Funds in the Treasury the total sum of $10,000.00 for Town Hall Renovation, the sum of $6,000.00 to be raised by taxation and authorization to be given to the Selectmen and the Treasurer to draw on the Frederick Cross General Purpose Fund for the remaining balance of $4,000.00, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to accept an Equal Education Opportunity Grant for Fiscal Year 1992-1993 under the provisions of MGL Chapter 70A, Section 5, as inserted by Chapter 188 of the Acts of 1985. Said grant funds to be accepted without local matching funds and to be expended by the Ashfield Plainfield School District for direct expenditures.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $366,619.00 for the Fiscal 1993 Operating cost budget of the Ashfield Plainfield Regional School District, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to accept an Equal Education Opportunity Grant for Fiscal Year 1992-1993 under the provisions of MGL Chapter 70A, Section 5, as inserted by Chapter 188 of the Acts of 1985. Said grant funds to be accepted without local matching funds and to be expended by the Mohawk Trail Regional School District Committee for direct service expenditures.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $425,162.93 (Capital, $10,054.00; Oper-

ating, $346,274.00; Vocational Brokering, $68,834.93) to pay the Town's share of the Fiscal 1993 Capital, Operating and Vocational Brokering cost budget for the Mohawk Trail Regional School District, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $8,400.00 for the general operations of the Belding Memorial Library as well as to accept any other State or Federal Aid, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $3,900.00 from Free Cash for Park & Beach operations and maintenance, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $4,000.00 from Free Cash for a Lifeguard and swimming instruction for the Town Beach, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000.00 for a Reserve Fund, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $18,330.34 to pay Ashfield's share of the Franklin County Cooperative Inspector Program, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to gratefully acknowledge receipt of the 1991 Ambulance Earnings & Gifts in the amount of $1,775.00 deposited in the Ambulance Maintenance Fund to be used to maintain and equip the Town Ambulance, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 38. (This Article by Petition) To see if the Town will vote to pass the resolution which follows:

"We call for a massive shift in federal budget priorities to respond to our nation's real security needs in the post-Cold War era,

1) by enacting reductions in military expenditures each year for the next five years that decrease the total military budget by at least fifty percent (50%),
2) by creating jobs through assistance to communities and employers converting from military to peacetime production, and,
3) by re-investing the money saved to rebuild our economy and meet human needs such as: health care, education, housing full employment, transportation, and restoring and protecting our environment."

COPY

FRANKLIN HAMPSHIRE COUNTY MULTIPLE LISTING SERVICE, INC.

CHANGE OF STATUS

Date August 31, 1992 Contract No. 112091

TO: MASSAMONT REALTY COMPANY, REALTOR

The undersigned, being owner of property at:

Rt. 112, Suburban Drive, Ashfield

Listed for $ 128,500 on 3/19/92

hereby authorizes the following changes which are to be made part of the original listing agreement: (Check or complete all applicable changes).

XX (1) Extend expiration date to October 15, 1992

_____ (2) Change price to read _____

_____ (3) Change terms and/or conditions to make these corrections:

_____ (4) Withdrawal from the market:

(It is understood and agreed that the purpose of this withdrawal is that the property is being removed from the market. If the property, nevertheless, should be sold within the period covered by the terms of the original listing agreement or any extension thereof, it is agreed that the undersigned will pay you the commission on such sale. If the property should again become available for sale within the period covered by terms of the original listing agreement or extension thereof, the contract will remain in full force and effect.)

_____ (5) Cancellation (All prior agreements are null and void).

This authorization, the receipt of a copy of which is hereby acknowledged, is hereby made a part of the original listing agreement.

MLS MULTIPLE LISTING SERVICE

_____ Owner

_____ Owner

R. J. Allen REALTOR

TOWN of ASHFIELD

MASSACHUSETTS



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And the Ashfield Lake Dam Reconstruction was finally completed in

1992

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OF THE

Officers and Committees

OF THE TOWN OF

ASHFIELD

MASSACHUSETTS



For the Year Ending 1992

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UNITED STATES SENATORS

Edward M. Kennedy, Boston
432 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

John Kerry, Boston
Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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John W. Olver, Amherst
1118 Longworth House Office Building
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William F. Weld, Cambridge

STATE SENATOR

Stanley C. Rosenberg, Amherst
Room 413F, State House
Boston, Massachusetts 02133

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Jonathan L. Healy, Charlemont
Room 33, State House
Boston, Massachusetts 02133

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Mary L. Forbes, Greenfield
Term expires January, 1995

Margaret Striebel, Chairman, Gill
Term expires January, 1997

John J. Stobierski, Whately
Term expires January, 1997

Town Officers

The Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors hold regular weekly meetings every Monday evening at the Town Offices in the Town Hall from 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

MODERATOR
RICHARD M. EVANS

AUDITOR
SANDRA E. LILLY

1 yr. terms

TOWN CLERK
C. LORRAINE GORDON

TREASURER
JANET M. SWEM

TREE WARDEN
ROBERT A. LAPOINTE

TAX COLLECTOR 3 yr. term

MARIAN C. FITZGERALD	Term expires 1994

BOARD OF SELECTMEN 3 yr. term

THOMAS S. CARTER, Chr.	Term expires 1993
JOHN L. MATTIS	Term expires 1994
DONALD L. ROBINSON	Term expires 1995

BOARD OF ASSESSORS 3 yr. term

RICHARD H. GOUGEON	Term expires 1993
PETER H. WIITANEN, Chr.	Term expires 1994
LAURA B. ARRUDA	Term expires 1995

FINANCE COMMITTEE 3 yr. term

WILLIAM S. FAIRCHILD	Term expires 1993
MATHILDA NAVIAS (resigned 7/1/92)	Term expires 1993
PRISCILLA L. PHELPS (app't. 12/14/92)	Appt. expires 1993
CYNTHIA R. CLARKE	Term expires 1994
THOMAS G. CRANSTON, Chr.	Term expires 1995
DALE A. KIRKPATRICK	Term expires 1995

SANDERSON SCHOOL COMMITTEE 3 yr. term

DAVID W. MAGEE III, Chr.	Term expires 1993
ABIGAIL A. WILSON	Term expires 1994
STEVEN A. SAUTER	Term expires 1995

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE 3 yr. term

THOMAS ULRICH	Term expires 1995

ABIGAIL A. WILSON, Representative from Ashfield

BOARD OF HEALTH 3 yr. term

DUNCAN B. COLTER	Term expires 1993
HARRY L. DODSON	Term expires 1994
THOMAS S. LEUE, Chr.	Term expires 1995

CONSTABLES 3 yr. term

JOHN A. LaBELLE	Term expires 1995
STEVEN W. GREENMAN	Term expires 1995
GARY M. SIBILIA	Term expires 1995

PARK COMMISSIONERS 3 yr. term

DANA A. McNAY, Chr.	Term expires 1993
HOLLY M. TIRRELL	Term expires 1994
ROBERT W. GRAHAM	Term expires 1995

PLANNING BOARD 5 yr. term

GRACE E. LESURE	Term expires 1993
MARK P. SPEES, Chr.	Term expires 1994
ANNE YURYAN	Term expires 1995
JOEL ARSENAULT	Term expires 1996
WALTER CUDNOHUFSKY	Term expires 1997

LIBRARY TRUSTEES 5 yr. term

DIANA M. BENNETT	Term expires 1993
D. TIERTZA LEAH SCHWARTZ, Chr.	Term expires 1994
HELENE G. LEUE	Term expires 1995
ELLEN M. MILLER	Term expires 1996
MELINDA J. GOUGEON	Term expires 1997

The following offices are filled by appointment:

BOARD OF APPEALS

M. DIANNE MULLER	June 1993
CLAYTON C. CRAFT	June 1994
STUART A. HARRIS, Assoc.	June 1994
JOHN F. McNIFF, Chr.	June 1995
KENNETH A. LILLY, Assoc.	June 1995

ARTS COUNCIL

STEVEN P. SMITHERS	June 1993
ELICE D. PIEROPAN	June 1993
J. WILLIAM HOTH, Chr.	June 1994
BEVERLY K. DUNCAN	June 1994
JANINE S. MAHNKEN	June 1994
SUSAN R. McGOWAN	June 1994
JOHN B. WERNER	June 1994

ASHFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION

ELIZABETH B. BEEBE	June 1993
RUTH J. CRAFT	June 1993
RICHARD H. TURNER	June 1994
ANNE YURYAN	June 1995
SUSAN R. McGOWAN	June 1995

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

ALAN G. SURPRENANT, (resigned 4/13/92)	June 1993
STEPHEN G. TILLEY (app't 5/19/92)	June 1993
DANIEL R. PHELPS	June 1994
DONALD N. LESURE	June 1994
RICHARD G. MULLER, JR., Chr.	June 1995
DONALD WEBER, Sec. (resigned 12/31/92)	June 1995

COUNCIL ON AGING

FERN D. NYE	June 1993
CASSANDRA B. NAWROCKI	June 1993
SYLVIA MONK, Chr.	June 1994
GEORGE C. MONK	June 1995
SALLY G. STRAUSS	June 1995

ENERGY RESOURCES COMMISSION

CURTIS E. PICHETTE	June 1993
THOMAS A. McCRUMM	June 1994
CHRISTINE REID	June 1994
PHILIP E. PLESS, Chr.	June 1995
SUSAN LARSON	June 1995
DEBRA A. COLE	June 1995

AMERICANS with DISABILITY ACT COMMITTEE

RICHARD H. TURNER, JR.	DIANA M. BENNETT
MARGARET A. ALLEN-McGUIRE	JAMES A. CAIN
AARON W. CLARK	DONALD L. ROBINSON

YOUTH COMMITTEE

ROBERT W. GRAHAM	ALYSON L. PATCH
WILLIAM D. ELWELL	ALLISON E. PAGE
RUTH J. CRAFT	KATHERINE O. ARVIDSON

CHRISTOPHER L. CHURCHILL

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

SUSAN A. GAMBINO	SUSAN L. SIBILIA
C. LORRAINE GORDON	JANICE W. SCOTT

AMBULANCE SERVICE
DOUGLAS MOLLISON, Director

CHIEF OF POLICE
GARY M. SIBILIA

FIRE CHIEF & FOREST WARDEN
DOUGLAS M. FIELD

BUILDING INSPECTOR PROGRAM
VICTOR STALEY, Building Inspector

WIRING INSPECTION PROGRAM
EDWARD F. MARCHEFKA, Wiring Inspector

PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTION PROGRAM
PAULIN J. BUKOWSKI, Plumbing & Gas Inspector

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR
CARMEN J. DeLUCA, JR.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT
LESLIE C. LADD

VETERAN'S AGENT
EUGENE E. BALAZS

BURIAL AGENT, ACTING
RALPH E. TOWNSLEY

DOG OFFICER
WARREN KIRKPATRICK

ASSISTANT DOG OFFICER
TODD W. KIRKPATRICK

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS
KIM L. REARDON

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
BRUCE E. WILLARD

FIELD DRIVERS
E. WILL HEISER
ROLAND E. TOWNSLEY

FENCE VIEWERS
ALDEN J. GRAY

SURVEYOR OF WOOD & LUMBER
RAMON R. SEARS

FREDERICK W. WELLS TRUSTEE
DOUGLAS A. CHANDLER — May 1993

CARL NILMAN SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
EDWIN P. NYE — September 1995

Selectmen's Report

In the twelve months since our last Annual Report, the selectmen, along with other town boards, committees and volunteers, have undertaken many different projects. These projects cover a diverse range of ideas, needs and concerns.

Fiscal 93's purchase of a new plow and sander for the Highway Department was prophetic since they certainly had plenty of opportunity to prove their worth. Mr. Ladd and the entire Highway Department staff deserve our thanks and credit for doing a great job of keeping the roads open during a very hard winter.

The Americans with Disabilities Act, which was signed into law by President Bush last year, has made it necessary for the town to take a serious look at how functional and accessible our Town Hall is . . . or isn't! Accessibility compliance is not an option but rather a legal requirement as we head towards the mid 1990's. We find ourselves no longer ignoring or dismissing our needs, but driven to come up with a comprehensive plan, implemented in a manner which will not only fulfill our needs into and through the 21st century, but one which is affordable as we continue to be forced to do more with less fiscally.

The selectmen appointed a very able A.D.A. committee in June to assess the needs of town buildings to assure compliance and, not surprisingly, many types of changes must be made. At this time, the selectmen have requested qualified, interested citizens to form and act as a Town Hall Building Committee to not only address accessibility needs but also the structural and office space needs. It is hoped that an overall workable plan will be in place and presented to the town well in advance of the 1994 town meeting.

Following a public forum last summer when concerns were expressed about the very real needs of our youth, a Planning Committee for Ashfield's Youth and Their Children was appointed by board members. This committee has worked diligently to develop a plan of action and presented their recommendations to the selectmen. This has resulted in an appropriation of funds to hire a coordinator to launch a "Pilot Program" of activities this summer, operate a Teen Job Bank, investigate sources of funding to help support the program and various other duties. The success or failure of this pilot will determine its future.

The town purchased its own compactor and box for the transfer station in the fall of '92. Although we agree that it has not been as smooth a transition as some had hoped, it has, nonetheless, saved thousands of dollars in rental payments. As in each of the last three years, the '94 budget request reflects a lower operating cost than the year before. Everyone's efforts to recycle and compost is most appreciated by the selectmen and the Energy Resources Commission, which has volunteered so many hours to help make the transfer station more efficient.

On the "Sewer Front" we find ourselves, along with the Board of Health, riding a bureaucratic carnival ride. As town officials we have

grown increasingly tired of the Department of Environmental Protection's waffling and lack of backbone to make the decisions required in order for Ashfield to retain needed funding, which has been continually threatened by termination several times over the past few years, and to move forward. The selectmen and the Board of Health continue to make plans in order to finance and construct a solution to our pollution problem in Ashfield. It is our hope and prayer that those who are in a position to lead us toward the proper solution will wake up and take their place.

Financially, we hope to again balance the town's budget by not adding a tremendous burden on the taxpayers. Unfortunately, state aid is, at this time, a real wild card. Last year's transfer of fifty thousand dollars to the Stabilization Fund we plan to use this year to finance equipment needs as projected. The grader loan was paid off in '93, and we look forward to the final payment of the 60K sewer loan in '94.

The Board of Selectmen has enjoyed 12 months with a full complement of active members which made us feel that many things could be done. The groundwork has been set for many projects ranging from youth activities to renovations of historical buildings. Even the mere plans for such projects could not be carried out without the volunteers who stepped forward with enthusiasm and interest in our way of life "here in the hills". We earnestly thank each and every volunteer, official and employee for their help and cooperation. We would also like to invite others who have an interest in any town activity, committee, or project to come forward as there is more than enough work for everyone in these days of troubled progress.

THOMAS S. CARTER, **Chairman**
JOHN L. MATTIS
DONALD L. ROBINSON
Board of Selectmen

Town Auditor's Report

I have examined the books and have found them to be in accordance with general accepted accounting rules and regulations.

SANDRA E. LILLY
Town Auditor

Financial Statement

July 1, 1991 - June 30, 1992

AMBULANCE FUND

Balance forward, 7/1/91		$ 3,983.21
Earnings, Gifts & interest		6,079.83
		$ 10,063.04
Ambulance Repairs	$ 16.40	
Medical equipment	1,793.44	
Insurance	1,176.50	
Radios & repairs	1,297.30	
Training	1,005.00	
	$ 5,288.64	
Ambulance Fund Total		$ 4,774.40

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Appropriation		$ 26,384.00
Eleanor M. Ward	$ 26,384.00	

ASSESSORS' EXPENSES

Appropriation		$ 16,412.00
Office Supplies	$ 494.39	
Registry of Deeds	156.75	
Secretarial	12,635.03	
Dues & postage	160.00	
Mapping Services	825.00	
Seminars & travel expense	48.50	
Computer programs & maintenance	1,838.75	
Excise bills & fees	6.00	
	$ 16,164.42	
Balance to General Fund		$ 247.48

ASSESSORS' RECERTIFICATION

Balance forward		$ 2,850.00
Patriot Properties	$ 750.00	
Balance to General Fund		$ 2,100.00

AUDIT & ACCOUNTING

Appropriation		$ 2,750.00
SCANCO & Assoc.	$ 2,750.00	

BELDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Appropriation		$ 7,620.00
Belding Memorial Library	$ 7,620.00	

BELDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY RENOVATIONS

Balance forward		$ 30,000.00
Belding Memorial Library	$ 30,000.00	

BLUE CROSS - BLUE SHIELD

Appropriation		$ 34,175.00
Expended	$ 29,820.43	
Balance to General Fund		$ 4,354.57

BOARD OF APPEALS

Appropriation		$ 360.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		16.53
		$ 376.53
Dues	$ 50.00	
Supplies	3.99	
Advertising	67.16	
Secretarial	255.38	
	$ 376.53	

BONDS

Appropriation		$ 800.00
Expended	$ 787.50	
Balance to General Fund		$ 12.50

BURNETT BRIDGE REPAIRS

Balance forward		$ 4,810.00
Supplies	$ 167.28	
Payroll	1,597.68	
Lumber	1,500.63	
Rip-rap	240.90	
Hired Equipment	1,300.00	
	$ 4,806.49	
Balance to General Fund		$ 3.51

CARE OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES

Appropriation		$ 700.00
Burial Ground Assoc.	$ 700.00	

CHAPTER 15 CONSTRUCTION - FY89

Balance forward		$ 18,509.09
State Share		59,044.00
		$ 77,553.09
Hired Equipment	$ 3,734.50	
Payroll	13,951.48	
Bituminous Concrete	50,289.32	
Culverts	2,496.26	
Stone	4,609.66	
Gravel	2,471.87	
	$ 77,553.09	

CHAPTER 15 CONSTRUCTION - FY90

State Share		$76,582.00
Hired Equipment	$ 19,389.50	
Payroll	1,947.48	
Miscellaneous Supplies	346.90	

Guardrails	16,868.50	
Stone	64.00	
Gravel	8,425.54	
	$ 47,041.92	
Balance forward		$ 29,540.08

CHAPTER 497 - GENERAL HIGHWAY

Balance forward		$ 19,740.81
Appropriation		65,000.00
		$ 84,740.81
Payroll	$ 32,192.41	
Hired Equipment	13,365.25	
Gravel	2,532.75	
Bituminous Concrete	25,096.59	
Mowing	3,120.00	
Traffic Signs	501.87	
Cold Patch	566.00	
Miscellaneous Materials	601.91	
Traprock	279.07	
Trash Disposal	216.00	
Culverts	1,046.07	
	$ 79,517.92	
Balance forward		$ 5,222.89

STRAP GRANT

Balance forward		$ 64,897.38
Interest earned		3,133.34
		$ 68,030.72
Payroll	$ 1,208.15	
Lumber	157.19	
Drop Inlet Covers	49.93	
Supplies	202.98	
Hired Equipment	1,640.00	
	$ 3,258.25	
Balance forward		$ 64,772.47

CIVIL DEFENSE

Balance forward		$ 706.16
Strobe Light	$ 86.48	
Radios	566.00	
	$ 652.48	
Balance forward		$ 53.68

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Appropriation		$ 100.00
Balance to General Fund	$ 100.00	

COOPERATIVE INSPECTOR PROGRAM

Appropriation		$ 17,102.96
FCCBIP	$ 17,102.96	

COUNCIL ON AGING

Appropriation		$ 1,147.00
Shelburne Senior Center	$ 1,147.00	

COUNTY DISPATCH

Appropriation		$ 10,837.20
Emergency Dispatch Center	$ 10,837.20	

DOG OFFICER EXPENSES

Appropriation		$ 150.00
Equipment	$ 27.44	
Balance to General Fund		$ 122.56

ELECTIONS

Appropriations		$774.00
State Reimbursement		261.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		401.00
		$ 1,436.00
Election Officers	$ 1,204.23	
Ballots	188.00	
	$ 1,392.23	
Balance to General Fund		$ 43.77

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS - PAID VACATIONS & HOLIDAYS

Appropriation		$ 11,500.00
Expended	$ 10,900.54	
Balance forward		$ 599.46

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS - SICK LEAVE

Balance forward		$ 3,983.11
Appropriation		3,350.00
		$ 7,283.11
Expended	$ 737.65	
Balance forward		$ 6,545.46

FIRES & EQUIPMENT

Appropriation		$ 16,000.00
Supplies & Equipment	$ 1,603.50	
Telephone	530.78	
Radios	1,223.73	
Insurance	1,176.50	
New Equipment	928.00	
Replacement Equipment	2,025.13	
Dues, Training & Mileage	583.40	
Alarm System Maintenance	208.00	
Truck Repairs	1,723.46	
Electrical	1,273.38	
Building Maintenance	634.71	
Payroll	3,740.00	
	$ 15,650.59	
Balance to General Fund		$ 349.41

FIRE PROTECTION

Appropriation		$ 1,693.52
Ashfield Water District	$ 1,693.52	

FOOTHILLS HEALTH DISTRICT

Appropriation		$ 15,603.00
Expended	$ 15,482.13	
Balance to General Fund		$ 120.87

FUEL & OIL EXPENSES

Appropriation		$ 16,500.00
Expended - Fire Department	$ 612.46	
Expended - Police Department	2,984.51	
Expended - Highway Department	11,902.26	
	$ 15,499.23	
Balance to General Fund		$ 1,000.77

BOARD OF HEALTH

Appropriation		$ 650.00
Ashfield Lake Testing	$ 90.00	
Envelopes & Supplies	34.80	
Postage & Supplies	105.85	
Clinic & Supplies	13.34	
File Cabinet	145.00	
Dues	75.00	
	$ 463.99	
Balance to General Fund		$ 186.01

HEATING TOWN BUILDINGS

Appropriation		$ 3,800.00
Gas - Fire Station	$ 2,224.19	
Oil - Town Hall	963.13	
	$ 3,187.32	
Balance to General Fund		$ 612.68

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - SANDER

Appropriation		$ 4,000.00
Bart Truck	$ 3,480.00	
Balance to Fred Cross Fund		$ 520.00

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY

Appropriation		$ 28,560.00
Leslie C. Ladd	$ 28,560.00	

HILLTOWN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COOPERATIVE

Appropriation		$ 5,100.00
Expended	$ 5,100.00	

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Appropriation		$ 200.00
Fund Raising	$ 50.00	
Balance to General Fund		$ 150.00

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Appropriation		$ 150.00
Kim Reardon	$ 150.00	

INSURANCE - PUBLIC OFFICIAL'S LIABILITY

Appropriation		$ 2,928.00
Reserve Fund		222.00
		$ 3,150.00
P-Z Massamont	$ 3,150.00	

INSURANCE - TOWN BUILDINGS

Appropriations		$23,500.00
Reimbursement from School		2,992.00
		$ 26,492.00
P-Z Massamont	$ 24,107.20	
Balance to General Fund		$ 2,384.80

INTEREST ON LOANS

Appropriation		$ 5,000.00
Bank Interest		273.70
Reserve Fund		1,602.05
Reserve Fund		5,686.03
		$ 12,561.78
Expended	$ 12,561.78	

PRINCIPAL & INTEREST - FIRE TRUCK LOAN

Appropriation		$ 25,027.91
Expended	$ 25,027.91	

PRINCIPAL & INTEREST - GRADER LOAN

Appropriation		$ 16,760.52
Expended	$ 16,760.52	

PRINCIPAL & INTEREST - SEWER LOAN

Appropriation		$ 17,973.08
Expended	$ 17,973.08	

LAKE PHASE I STUDY

Balance forward		$ 14,275.00
Balance to General Fund	$ 14,275.00	

LIFEGUARD & SWIMMING INSTRUCTION

Appropriation		$ 4,750.00
Lifeguards	$ 3,155.50	
Swimming Instruction	378.00	
	$ 3,533.50	
Balance to General Fund		$ 1,216.50

MACHINERY EXPENSES

Appropriation		$ 40,000.00
Parts & Repairs	$ 12,455.57	
Uniforms	1,346.34	

Telephone	501.92	
Equipment	995.98	
Building Maintenance	646.32	
Electricity	1,422.92	
Supplies	1,137.00	
Heating	626.74	
Tires	1,132.00	
Mechanic	15,308.62	
License Fees & Dues	258.69	
Plow Blades	1,872.40	
Motor Oil	750.15	
	$ 38,454.65	
Balance to General Fund		$ 1,545.35

MEDICARE & SOCIAL SECURITY

Appropriation		$ 8,000.00
Expended	$ 7,092.70	
Balance to General Fund		$ 907.30

MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation		$ 500.00
Expended	$ 433.29	
Balance to General Fund		$ 66.71

OFFICE CLERICAL

Appropriation		$ 5,000.00
Special Town Meeting 12/16/91		3,174.00
		$ 8,174.00
Expended	$ 8,174.00	

OFFICE EXPENSES

Appropriation		$ 4,000.00
Supplies	$ 486.41	
Dues	510.00	
Photocopier Supplies	181.13	
Postage	171.25	
Telephone	698.80	
Advertising	214.23	
Meetings & Mileage	18.00	
Computer Maintenance	500.00	
Law Updates	438.50	
Computer Expenses	212.30	
	$ 3,430.62	
Balance to General Fund		$ 569.38

OPEN SPACE STUDY

Appropriation	$ 200.00
Unexpended Balance forward	$ 200.00

PARKS & BEACH

Appropriation		$ 2,500.00
Reserve Fund		17.72
		$ 2,517.72
Electricity	$ 499.35	
Telephone	85.74	
Tennis Courts	58.97	
Advertising & Supplies	140.24	
Repairs & New Equipment	184.98	
Mowing & Trash Removal	1,380.00	
Water	168.44	
	$ 2,517.72	

PLANNING BOARD

Appropriation		$ 1,635.00
Secretarial	$ 822.50	
Advertising	82.26	
Postage & Supplies	51.26	
	$ 956.02	
Balance to General Fund		$678.98

POLICE CHIEF'S SALARY

Appropriation		$ 27,484.00
Gary M. Sibilia	$ 27,484.00	

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		$ 27,450.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		680.84
		$ 28,130.84
Payroll	$ 18,627.25	
Equipment	68.20	
Uniforms	473.80	
Radios & Pagers	2,010.95	
Insurance	2,865.00	
Dues	170.00	
Meetings	125.00	
Telephone	1,222.44	
Tires	370.36	
Postage & Supplies	353.86	
Cruiser Repairs	1,843.98	
	$ 28,130.84	

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Appropriation		$ 500.00
Expended	$ 500.00	

FRANKLIN COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEM - MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		$ 18,970.00
Expended	$ 18,970.00	

RESERVE FUND

Appropriation		$ 10,000.00
Insurance, Public Officials	$ 222.00	
Interest on Loans	1,602.05	
Elections	401.00	
Tree Warden	175.00	
Interest on Loans	5,686.03	
Police Department	680.84	
Winter Roads	.25	
Transfer Station	592.00	
Board of Appeals	16.53	
Parks & Beach	17.72	
	$ 9,393.42	
Balance to General Fund		$ 606.58

ASHFIELD PLAINFIELD REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Appropriation		$ 351,956.00
Expended	$ 351,956.00	

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Appropriation		$ 421,735.69
Expended	$ 421,735.69	

SEWAGE TREATMENT DESIGN

Transfer from Lake Phase I Study		$ 5,000.00
Expended	$ 4,498.34	
Balance forward		$ 501.66

STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation		$ 3,600.00
Expended	$ 3,267.96	
Balance to General Fund		$ 332.04

STREET LISTS

Appropriation		$ 450.00
School Census Reimbursement		250.00
		$ 700.00
Street Listing	$ 500.00	
Computer Data Entry	200.00	
	$ 700.00	

TAX COLLECTOR'S EXPENSES

Appropriation		$ 3,800.00
Supplies	$ 83.29	
Tax Bills	692.22	
Dues	35.00	
Telephone & Postage	1,045.75	
Notary Fees	4.00	
Box Rent	21.50	
	$ 1,881.76	
Balance to General Fund		$ 1,918.24

TOWN CLERK'S EXPENSES

Appropriation		$ 750.00
Reimbursement for Labels		82.14
		$ 832.14
Supplies	$ 135.73	
Dues	30.00	
Postage	204.76	
Meetings & Seminars	65.60	
Computer Maintenance	245.00	
	$ 681.09	
Balance to General Fund		$ 151.05

TOWN COUNSEL

Appropriation		$ 7,500.00
Trudel, Barry, & MacNicol	$ 3,787.92	
Balance to General Fund		$ 3,712.08

TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		$ 4,000.00
Festival Reimbursement		200.00
		$ 4,200.00
Janitor	$ 1,702.98	
Supplies	423.64	
Electricity	1,334.73	
Plowing & Mowing	186.00	
Water	215.72	
Plumbing Repairs	30.75	
Town Hall Bell	114.50	
Piano	45.00	
	$ 4,053.32	
Balance to General Fund		$ 146.68

TOWN HALL RENOVATIONS

Balance forward		$ 536.83
Festival Donation		200.00
		$ 736.83
Heating System	$ 474.80	
Balance forward		$ 262.03

TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriation		$ 19,000.00
Expended	$ 18,608.35	
Balance to General Fund		$ 391.65

TOWN REPORTS

Appropriation		$ 2,000.00
Printing	$ 1,653.90	
Delivery	100.00	
	$ 1,753.90	
Balance to General Fund		$ 246.10

TRANSFER STATION

Appropriation		$ 60,000.00
Reserve Fund		592.00
		$ 60,592.00
Recycling	$ 6,020.00	
Payroll	7,711.20	
Telephone	201.84	
Electricity	406.17	
Hauling - Comm. Disposal	9,220.00	
Landfill	14,573.35	
Supplies	177.44	
Demolition Dump	22,150.00	
Tire Disposal	72.00	
Fire Wood	60.00	
	$ 60,592.00	

TREASURER'S EXPENSES

Appropriation		$ 1,100.00
Postage	$ 244.50	
Supplies	225.09	
Service Charges	431.49	
Filing Fees	85.00	
Dues	35.00	
	$ 1,021.08	
Balance to General Fund		$ 78.92

TREE WARDEN

Appropriation		$ 2,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		175.00
		$ 2,175.00
Bob's Tree Service	$ 2,175.00	

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

Appropriation		$ 500.00
Expended	$ 500.00	

VETERANS' BENEFITS

Appropriation		$100.00
Balance to General Fund	$ 100.00	

VETERAN'S CENTER

Appropriation		$ 3,450.00
Expended	$ 3,450.00	

WINTER ROADS

Appropriation	$ 65,000.00
Special Town Meeting 6/28/92	1,946.00
Reserve Fund	.25
	$ 66,946.25

Chloride	$ 858.00	
Sand	22,151.11	
Salt	13,715.48	
Payroll	28,739.85	
Gravel	1,209.81	
Cold Patch	272.00	
	$ 66,946.25	

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Appropriation		$ 12,500.00
MIIA	$ 11,101.00	
Balance to General Fund		$ 1,399.00

Town of Ashfield
Combined Balance Sheet — All Fund Types and Account Group
June 30, 1992

	Governmental Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Type	Account Group	Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Trust and Agency	Long Term Debt	(Memorandum Only)
Assets					
Cash	$ 45,335	$ 83,660	$ 307,493		$ 436,488
Investments	186,726		57,752		244,478
Cash and Investments in Custody of Trustees		59,590	153,523		213,113
Accounts Receivable:					
Property Taxes	136,135				136,135
Excise Taxes	15,648				15,648
Less: Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts	(57,735)				(57,735)
Due from Other Funds	20,552		810		21,362
Due from Other Governments	180	550,837			551,017
Amount to be Provided for the Payment of Debt				100,280	100,280
Total Assets	$ 346,841	$ 694,087	$ 519,578	$ 100,280	$1,660,786
Liabilities and Fund Equity					
Liabilities:					
Warrants Payable	$ 28,354				$ 28,354
Employee Withholdings	610				610
Due to Other Funds		$ 21,362			$ 21,362
Deferred Revenue:					
Property Taxes	45,961				45,961
Excise Taxes	15,648				15,648

Other		550,837			550,837
Bond Indebtedness				$ 100,280	100,280
Total Liabilities	$ 90,573	$ 572,199	$ 0	$ 100,280	$ 763,052
Fund Equity:					
Reserved for Encumbrances	$ 12,324				$ 12,324
Reserved for Nonexpendable Trust Principal			$ 112,213		$ 112,213
Reserved for Over (Under) Assessments	2,103				2,103
Unreserved:					
Designated for:					
Subsequent Years' Expenditures	62,200		4,000		66,200
Continuing Appropriations	462				462
Undesignated	179,179	$ 121,888	403,365		704,432
Total Fund Equity	$ 256,268	$ 121,888	$ 519,578	$ 0	$ 897,734
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	$ 346,841	$ 694,087	$ 519,578	$ 100,280	$ 1,660,786

The full financial statements, supplemental schedules and independent auditor's report are available in the Town Office.

Tax Collector's Report

I have turned all the overdue Real Estate bills to the Town Attorney to be put into Tax Title, if other arrangements for payment are not made. Over half of these delinquent accounts have been collected or arrangements made to pay.

The newly installed system of marking delinquent Motor Vehicle Excise bills is proving efficient. The Registry of Motor Vehicles will not issue a renewal of license or registration upon application, if there are any outstanding excise taxes. There has been considerable improvement in cooperation between Tax Collectors, Deputy Collectors and the Registry. There is also a very good reciprocal agreement working with nearly all other states.

PERSONAL PROPERTY		
1992	$ 3,130	
1991	1,793	
1990	1,210	
1989	986	
1983-88	1,474	$ 8,593
REAL ESTATE		
1992	$ 92,542	
1991	27,111	
1990	5,433	
1989	771	
1985-88	315	$126,102
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE		
1992	$ 6,657	
1991	3,684	
1990	1,900	
1989	709	
1976-88	2,477	$ 15,427
FARM ANIMAL EXCISE		
1991	$ 437	$ 437

MARIAN C. FITZGERALD,
Tax Collector

Town Clerk's Report

VITAL STATISTICS
January 1, 1992 - December 31, 1992

BIRTHS

Females	7
Males	11

MARRIAGES

Residents	8
Non-residents	2

DEATHS

Females	6
Males	7

ELECTIONS

Presidential primary, March 10	
409 votes cast	1,072 registered voters
Annual town election, May 2	
221 votes cast	1,079 registered voters
State primary, September 15	
214 votes cast	1,034 registered voters
State election	
990 votes cast	1,092 registered voters

DOG LICENSES ISSUED
January 1, 1992 - December 31, 1992

185	Males @ $3.00	$ 555.00
18	Females @ $6.00	108.00
205	Spayed females @ $3.00	615.00
7	Kennels @ $10.00	70.00
1	Kennel @ $25.00	25.00
1	Transfer @ $.25	.25
417		$1,373.25
	Fees Retained	-312.25
	Paid to Town Treasurer	$1,061.00

FISH & GAME LICENSES ISSUED
January 1, 1992 - December 31, 1992

12	Res. fishing @ $12.50	$150.00
2	Res. fishing (65-69) @ $6.25	12.50
3	Non-res. fishing @ $17.50	52.50

1	Non-res. 7-day fishing @ $11.50	11.50
2	Res. hunting @ $12.50	25.00
1	Res. hunting (65-69) @ $6.25	6.25
1	Non-res. hunting (big game) @ $48.50	48.50
15	Res. sporting @ $19.50	292.50
3	Res. sporting (65-69) @ $9.75	29.25
18	Res. sporting (over 70)	FREE
4	Archery/prim. firearms stamps @ $5.10	20.40
35	Wildlands conservation stamps (res.) @ $5.00	175.00
5	Wildlands conservation stamps (non-res.) @ $5.00	25.00
102		$848.40
	Fees retained	-20.40
	Paid to Commonwealth of Massachusetts	$828.00

Respectfully submitted,

LORRAINE GORDON, **Town Clerk**

Ashfield Burial Ground Association

Supplemental to Town Clerk's Report

BURIALS
January 1, 1992 - December 31, 1992

	Date of Death
PLAIN CEMETERY	
Ethelwynn (Wilder) Hathaway Warger	02/09/92
Willis G. Thayer	03/30/92
Louise (Bilger) Sandy Sandberg	05/17/92
Edward P. Russell	07/14/92
Esther E. Anderson	07/21/92
Douglas H. Nye	08/03/92
Pauline J. (Hale) Nye	08/24/92
Preston R. Bassett	04/30/92
Harold A. Keyes	10/16/92
Eilene C. Anderson	11/19/92
Horace Stanley Curtis	11/30/92
HILL CEMETERY	
Dorothy E. Lederer	04/24/92
Richard S. Hall	07/09/92
Michael Gates Bradway	09/01/92
BRIAR HILL CEMETERY	
Charles M. LoCicero	05/08/92

RALPH E. TOWNSLEY
Burial Agent

Reconcilation of Treasurer's Cash

Year Ending June 30, 1992

Balance of Cash at July 1, 1991	$ 699,457.98
Cash Received	2,248,272.00
Cash Disbursements	2,309,709.67
Balance of Cash at June 30, 1992	$ 638.020.31

Balance consists of:	
United Savings Bank:	
General Fund	$ 16,981.29
Ambulance Fund	4,774.40
STRAP Fund	64,772.47
Core Focus Fund	14,113.11
Fred Cross-General Fund	59,795.54
Fred Cross-Library	5,000.00
Fred Cross-Cemetery	2,000.00
Trust Funds	100,057.45
Cemetery Funds	1,250.00
Greenfield Savings Bank	
Stabilization Fund	96,170.53
M.M.D.T.	
General Fund	186,725.76
Hall Bequest-Fire Depart.	12,379.58
Hall Bequest-Ambulance Fund	19,022.99
Mary Priscilla Howes Fund	11,758.25
Heritage Savings Bank	
Eliza Miller Acct.	14,548.75
Salmon Miller Acct.	28,670.19
Total:	$ 638,020.31

Presentation of Cash:	
General Fund:	$ 318,769.60
Stabilization Fund:	96,170.53
Trust Funds:	223,080.18
Total:	$ 638,020.31

Note: Income also received to benefit Belding Park and Belding Library from the Milo Belding Jr. Endowment, held by the trustees of Shawmut Bank.

Respectfully submitted,

JANET M. SWEM, **Treasurer**

Ashfield Fire Department

It is my pleasure to make this report about the Ashfield Fire Department.

The department has 30 members and is always looking for new members.

The Firemen's Association has provided accident insurance for Little League and Pee Wee baseball teams. In addition, the association has bought for the department a portable pump, two pagers and has paid for half the cost of the Blue & Gold jackets being worn by the Firemen and auxiliary members. The members paid for the other half.

We have installed or had installed three new dry hydrants in town. The state Department of Environmental Management installed a hydrant on the south side of Ashfield Lake as part of the dam project; the department replaced a hydrant on Buckland Road and Mark Graves installed a new hydrant on Barnes Road as part of the new golf course. I want to thank Mark and his family for putting in the hydrant because it will be accessible to Baptist Corner Road residents year-round. Thanks should also go to Harris and Gray and Mike Williams for the donation of their equipment and time to install the hydrant.

We are still upgrading the safety of firefighters by using some of the money from the Hall estate.

The department has been very busy this year training and answering calls. The breakdown is as follows:

Car Fires	1
Auto Accidents	10
Brush Fires	8
Chimney Fires	8
Structure Fires	5
Lost Persons	5
False Alarms	4
Mutual Aid: Conway	4
Mutual Aid: Charlemont	1

The Emergency Services, the Police, Fire and Ambulance Departments are working on E-911 for Ashfield. This will be a reality in the near future.

Thanks to all of you — Selectmen and Townspeople — for your support this year. And a BIG thanks to all the firefighters and auxiliary members for the job you have done.

DOUGLAS M. FIELD
Fire Chief

Western Franklin Veterans' Service Center

During the past fiscal year we were called upon to provide veterans' benefits to two veterans and their families. The money was used to provide aid as follows:

Ordinary Benefits	$1,058.50
Fuel	64.43
Total	$1,122.93

The towns which provided this aid will be reimbursed 75% by the State and are as follows:

Buckland	$ 389.80
Charlemont	733.13
Total	$1,122.93

Nineteen veterans passed away during the year and the Center assisted the survivors with their VA claims for Burial Benefits, Flags, Grave Markers, Pensions and compensation to which they are legally entitled.

Some of the many on-going services to veterans are — help to complete all Veterans Administration claim forms and provide assistance to all veterans and their dependents in connection with their claims under Federal Programs and preparation of Tax Abatement Forms for veterans with service-connected disabilities.

Three meetings were held this year with various representatives from the ten town district to discuss the overall program.

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE E. BALAZS
Director/Veterans' Agent

Western Franklin Veteran's Service Center Treasurer's Annual Report

Balance July 1, 1991 United Savings Bank		$ 1,290.85
Receipts:		
Town of Ashfield	$ 3,450.00	
Town of Buckland	3,220.00	
Town of Charlemont	2,070.00	
Town of Colrain	3,220.00	
Town of Conway	2,990.00	
Town of Hawley	690.00	

Town of Heath	1,610.00	
Town of Monroe	460.00	
Town of Plainfield	1,380.00	
Town of Shelburne	3,910.00	
Flags & Markers	1,951.57	
Checking Interest	363.64	
Federal Withholding Tax	4,200.00	
State Withholding Tax	1,245.12	
Retirement	887.52	
Medicare	257.28	
Total Receipts	$31,905.13	31,905.13
		$33,195.98
Payments:		
Eugene E. Balazs	$17,749.92	
Treasurer's Salary	500.00	
Rent	1,800.00	
Telephone	465.00	
Office Expense	301.81	
Dues & Subscriptions	75.00	
Treasurer's Bond	50.00	
Retirement Assessment	2,037.00	
Flags & Markers	1,996.20	
Federal Tax	4,200.00	
State Tax	1,245.12	
Medicare	514.56	
Retirement	887.52	
Total Payments	$31,822.13	31,822.13
		$ 1,373.85
United Savings Bank		
Balance June 30, 1992		$ 1,373.85

Respectfully submitted,

VALERIE L. WALKER, **Treasurer**

Annual Report of the Fred W. Wells Trustees

Funds available for the fiscal year 1992-1993 were $148,190 which were allocated to three specific areas: Education, Health and Agriculture.

EDUCATION: The Trustees received 259 applications for education grants and approved 183 students to receive $120,190. The Trustees devoted many hours to the selection process to insure that as many students as possible could receive scholarship aid.

HEALTH: Four health programs were approved. The following received funds totaling $21,000.:

Western Mass. Children with Attention Disorders and Deficits

Hospice in Franklin County

New England Center for Women in Transition

Mass. Easter Seal Swim Program

Greenfield YMCA for Disabled Children

AGRICULTURE: $7,000 was approved by the Trustees for awards to:

Franklin County Agriculture Society

Heath Fair

Shelburne Grange

Respectfully submitted,

DOUGLAS A. CHANDLER
Trustee

Report of the Zoning Board of Appeals

The Board considered four matters during 1992. The first was a petition for a variance to allow the construction of a common driveway off Watson Road. This driveway would have required crossing wetlands only once rather than five times, once for each lot. There are strict legal requirements that must be met for the Board to have the authority to grant a variance. After a hearing, the Board determined that these requirements were not met and denied the variance. The Petitioner is pursuing a subdivision with the Planning Board.

The second matter was a petition for a variance from the front setback requirements of the zoning by-laws to allow the construction of a garage closer to the front lot line. After a hearing and a site visit by the Board, it was determined that the topography of the land was such that a variance should be granted.

The third and fourth matters were from the owners of two adjacent parcels of land that were seeking a variance to allow access to the property over a sideline rather than the front lot line. The Board held two hearings and conducted a site visit. The Board found that the topography of the land made access over the front lot line impractical and a hardship. Variances were granted with appropriate conditions.

Respectfully submitted,

JACK McNIFF, **Chairman**
CLAYTON CRAFT
M. DIANNE MULLER, **Clerk**
STUART HARRIS, **Assoc.**
KEN LILLY, **Assoc.**

Franklin County Cooperative Building Inspector Program

Fiscal Year 1992

I hereby submit my Annual Report of the FCCBIP for Fiscal Year 1992. The total number of building permits issued was the same as F.Y. '91, although the total project valuation dropped by 25%, an indication that building is on-going but somewhat scaled down.

The number of housing starts is up by more than 10% from F.Y. '91, with a total of 85 dwelling units being permitted in our fifteen towns during F.Y. '92. Conway, Shutesbury, and Buckland were the most active members of the Cooperative, accounting for 42% of the housing starts and 35% of the overall permits.

F.Y. '92 witnessed the return to only one Building Inspector; the Building Commissioner's position was eliminated at the end of F.Y. '91 due to budget constraints placed on our member towns.

Time spent by the Building Inspector on zoning review and enforcement has accelerated as more citizens try to utilize their homes or accessory structures as sources of supplemental income. With one inspector handling the same number of permits as were handled previously by two inspectors, and with the increased demand in zoning reviews, the permitting process may sometimes take a little longer; the patience of our townspeople is greatly appreciated during this time. Please remember that this office is a vast informational source and we are always willing to discuss concerns and questions of any appropriate nature.

I would like to thank all the residents, builders, town officials and boards for their assistance, guidance, and patience through F.Y. '92. I look forward to continuing to serve the 15 communities of the Cooperative.

VICTOR E. STALEY
Inspector of Buildings

F.C.C.B.I.P.

FISCAL YEAR REPORT
FROM JULY 1, 1991 TO JUNE 30, 1992

Town	Permits	Value	Dwelling Units*	Permit Fees	Certif. of Occ.	Certif. of Inspec. Issued°	C.I. Fees	Other Fees	Total Fees
Ashfield	73	$ 1,090,085	3	$ 6,535	10	7	$ 204	none	$ 6,739
Bernardston	66	1,134,872	7	6,305	5	11	320	none	6,625
Buckland	69	1,652,522	9	8,930	8	10	120	none	9,050
Charlemont	67	665,444	4	3,885	9	13	324	none	4,209
Conway	72	2,409,175	17	12,335	19	3	55	none	12,390
Erving	38	354,065	0	3,578	5	12	240	none	3,818
Gill	69	689,765	3	4,493	8	24	1,029	none	5,522
Hawley	18	356,620	4	1,940	5	0	none	none	1,940
Heath	38	620,450	3	3,320	5	3	none	$ 10	3,330
Leverett	58	1,475,366	7	7,700	12	4	40	10	7,750
Leyden	24	656,620	3	2,245	6	3	15	none	2,260
Monroe	9	54,050	0	485	2	0	none	none	485
Shelburne	66	1,652,330	8	8,655	12	25	806	60	9,521
Shutesbury	61	1,313,420	10	8,480	28	5	80	20	8,580
Whately	61	1,365,284	7	7,664	17	19	580	40	8,284
Totals	789	$15,490,068	85	$86,550	151	139	$3,813	$140	$90,503

° These figures reflect only those inspections which receive Certificates. Many other inspections are performed by B.I. but for various reasons no Certificates are issued.

* 2-Family and Multi-dwellings are issued only one permit per building.
"Other Fees" reflect reinspections and duplication of permits and C.O.'s.

Franklin County Cooperative Wiring Inspector Program

Fiscal Year 1992 Report

	1991 Fees 7/1-12/31	1991 Permits 7/1-12/31	1992 Fees 1/1-6/30	1992 Permits 1/1-6/30	1992 Total Permits	1992 Total Fees
Ashfield	$ 1,330.00	35	$ 775.00	19	54	$ 2,105.00
Bernardston	930.00	24	1,190.25	29	53	2,120.00
Buckland	1,015.00	25	1,455.00	33	58	2,470.00
Charlemont	1,380.00	33	640.00	14	47	2,020.00
Conway	1,860.00	41	1,230.00	25	66	3,090.00
Erving	875.00	23	320.00	11	34	1,195.00
Hawley	335.00	6	225.00	7	13	560.00
Heath	1,265.00	32	415.00	15	47	1,680.00
Leverett	1,515.00	36	775.00	23	59	2,290.00
Monroe	220.00	4	55.00	1	5	275.00
Northfield	1,370.00	34	2,220.00	49	83	3,590.00
Shelburne	1,495.00	35	1,205.00	28	63	2,700.00
Wendell	990.00	25	586.00	18	43	1,576.00
Whately	1,932.13	22	1,035.00	20	42	2,967.13
Totals	$16,512.13	375	$12,126.00	292	667	$28,638.13

Franklin County Cooperative
Plumbing & Gas Inspector Program

Fiscal Year 1992 Report

	1991 Fees 7/1-12/31	1991 Permits 7/1-12/31	1992 Fees 1/1-6/30	1992 Permits 1/1-6/30	FY 1992 Total Permits	FY 1992 Total Fees
Ashfield	$ 1,437.00	30	$ 950.00	24	54	$ 2,387.00
Bernardston	799.00	19	1,232.00	29	48	2,031.00
Buckland	1,289.00	26	1,186.00	31	57	2,475.00
Charlemont	828.00	22	819.00	23	45	1,647.00
Conway	1,319.00	39	2,233.00	39	78	3,552.00
Erving	629.00	13	369.00	11	24	998.00
Hawley	248.00	5	229.00	3	8	477.00
Heath	322.00	8	228.00	9	17	550.00
Leverett	1,678.00	32	724.00	21	53	2,402.00
Leyden	720.00	15	200.00	7	22	920.00
Monroe	187.00	2	20.00	1	3	207.00
Shelburne	1,710.00	35	1,517.00	28	63	3,227.00
Whately	1,484.00	33	962.00	22	55	2,446.00
Totals	$12,650.00	279	$10,669.00	248	527	$23,319.00

Ambulance Service Report

The first thing I want to say to the townspeople of Ashfield in this, my fourth annual report as Ambulance Director, is a big "THANK YOU"!

This thank you is echoed by the Emergency Medical Technicians to you, the townspeople, for your continued moral and financial support which keeps us going as volunteers. The townspeople also need to be thankful for all of the EMT's and Dispatchers because, without their continued dedication, the service could not be maintained as it is today.

Presently, we have 15 active EMT's, three First Responders and three persons taking an EMT course. We need more EMT's in order to provide balanced coverage so that no one person has to cover for an excessive amount of time. It is my hope that the Rural Health Grant, which is in its second year in Franklin County, will allow us to train more people next fall.

The health grant has given a new set of CPR manikins to the Ashfield Emergency Services which are available for CPR courses in the West County area. The grant also is paying for training two EMT's.

This past year we replaced both of the radios in the ambulance with money from the Clare and Addie Hall bequest. We now have better communications with the hospital and the dispatch center. Again, we thank the Hall family for this generous donation.

We had 72 calls during 1992 with no set pattern as to the time and frequency of these calls. One never knows when the need will be there.

In closing, I want to remind people of the other services provided by the Ashfield Ambulance Service. A Blood Pressure Clinic takes place from 10 a.m. to noon the first Saturday of each month at Friendship Hall. In addition, a wide variety of equipment for convalescents is available for loan from the ambulance service. If you need this equipment please contact Janice Scott or myself.

DOUGLAS MOLLISON
Ambulance Director
413-628-3231

Police Department Report

I am pleased and honored to present this, my fifth report, to the Town of Ashfield as Chief of Police.

This year has been a busy one for the Ashfield Police Department. Overall crime statistics have increased in the county and Ashfield has felt some of this impact. Twenty-nine arrests were made, of which twenty were alcohol/drug related. Burglaries were down — and mostly committed by persons coming from other areas. Our budget may seem large to some Ashfield residents; however, it represents only 4% of the Town gross budget.

I am still presently teaching D.A.R.E. to 30 students in the fifth grade and strongly believe that this is the only way to beat the insidious drug problem we face today. Where there is no demand for drugs, eventually the supply will dry up.

During 1992 the Police Department received a grant of $5,000.00 for highway safety programs, $3,000.00 to combat drunk driving and to enforce speeding laws, $1,000.00 to promote use of child car-seats and seat belts and to provide safety classes in Sanderson Academy, and $1,000.00 for promoting pedestrian and driver responsibilities at crosswalks. This department will continue to be strict on enforcement of vehicle laws and especially on driving under the influence of liquor.

The department also received word from the District Attorney that the Police Department has received $1,000.00 and one 1987 Toyota sedan from a drug forfeiture arrest. This was the result of an arrest in November, 1991, of a New York man on cocaine charges. This vehicle is now being used by the Police Department for court, schools and investigations in town. A second vehicle for the department will save on mileage for the on-line cruiser. I'm pleased to have a second vehicle free of charge for the department to assist in these hard times in Massachusetts.

Officer Suzanne Corbett was appointed to Patrol Sergeant in January and has been doing a fine job for our town.

Money turned into the town from the Police Department:

Money received from motor vehicle citations	$9,125.00
Pistol Permits	700.00
Insurance Reports	100.00
Firearms Identification Cards	42.00
License to Sell Guns & Ammo	10.00
Total	$9,977.00

CRIME STATISTICS FOR 1992 and 1991

CRIME	1992	1991
Assault & Battery	7	7
Assault & Battery on Police	3	1
Assault & Battery Dangerous Weapon	3	4
Accidents	39	36
Alarms	37	26
Arrests	29	52
Breaking & Entering	8	14
Citations: Motor Vehicle	291	371
Court Hours	85	71
Domestic Disturbances	11	15
Investigated Incidents	1,128	1,117
Larcenies	27	20
Medical Assists	29	34
Missing Persons	11	5
Possession of Dangerous Weapon	2	1
Possession of Drugs	4	4
Protective Custody	7	12
Rape	2	0
Sexual Assaults	2	2
Stolen Motor Vehicle	1	0
Suicide	1	0
Summonses	53	32
Vacant House Checks	56	56
Vandalism	47	22
Vehicular Homicide	1	0
Warrants	10	13

I also thank the Ashfield Police Association which provided more than $1,600.00 for payment on police portable and police equipment. Thanks also go to the Selectmen and all the townspeople who support the Police Department which makes our job easier with your support.

Respectfully submitted,

GARY M. SIBILIA
Chief of Police

Board of Assessors

Our total valuation for Fiscal 93 is $110,127,472 compared with last year's valuation of $113,913,166 which is a decrease of $3,785,694. Our tax rate is $11.73 per $1,000 valuation, up from $10.00 last year. It is necessary to raise $1,291,795 this year by taxation. Last year we appropriated and raised by taxation, $1,148,244, an increase of $143,551. Money appropriated to pay debt and interest voted by debt exclusion overrides is now $54,888.89.

Valuations on all properties have been updated as of January 1, 1992, reflecting sales of the past year.

The annual growth of taxable property which can be added to the FY93 tax levy is $21,138. This reflects new buildings and additions during 1991. Building starts have been very slow during the past twelve months so expectations of new growth are "low" for Fiscal 94.

Summary of Monies Raised and Expended

	FY90	FY91	FY92	FY93
1. Total Amount to be Raised	$ 1,463,527.77	$ 1,520,172.06	$ 1,559,247.71	$ 1,662,181.24
2. Receipts				
A. From State	147,623.00	74,119.00	175,812.00	135,036.00
B. Local	171,800.00	172,000.00	190,605.00	169,150.00
C. Available Funds				
1) Free Cash	123,607.24	145,508.76	40,586.00	62,200.00
2) Other Available Funds	46,900.00	19,124.04	4,000.00	4,000.00
D. Sub/total A,B.C.	489,930.24	410,751.80	411,003.00	370,386.00
3. Annual Tax Levy	973,597.53	1,109,420.26	1,148,244.71	1,291,795.24
4. Total Assessed Value	102,917,286.00	106,880,565.00	113,913,166.00	110,127,472.00
5. Tax Rate	9.46	10,38	10.08	11.73
Parcel Count			1,336	1,333

PETER H. WIITANEN
RICHARD H. GOUGEON
LAURA B. ARRUDA
Board of Assessors

Belding Memorial Library

The library became a very visible part of the community during 1992 when construction began in April on the renovation and new addition.

One of the first things that was done was to move to the Ashfield Historical Society Musuem all artifacts and paintings that were in the main building. Helen Hall, curator of the museum, graciously offered the musuem as a storage place for these things. During the spring and summer months, most of the construction work was done outside. It was not until late summer that the archway was made, joining the main building and the new addition.

The grant required that the addition be built before renovations could be made. All repairs that needed to be done have been done including roof repairs, re-wiring, painting and pointing the exterior stonework. The building is handicapped accessible from the rear where a lift in the entrance hall that gives access to any floor in the building. There are parking places for the handicapped and handicapped access facilities.

The book stacks were rearranged, the antique lights in the main room were moved to the new children's room, making them more visible, and new lights were installed in the main room. In October, we closed the library for two weeks while the main room was painted and carpeted. All the books along the outside walls were removed and the books in the inner stacks had to be rearranged because we had moved the first stack. Anne Judson, Nadine Smith and myself as staff members and Mary Lucas and Maureen Fuller as volunteers helped with the book moving.

The Friends of the Library reorganized last year with Sylvia Monk as president, Tom Gambino, vice-president; Frances Giandalone, treasurer and George Monk, secretary. A successful book sale in our new meeting room and a raffle at the town hall was held during the fall festival. Noah Gordon autographed copies of his new book, "Shaman", at the town hall and turned over the proceeds to the Friends toward furniture for the children's room.

During the late summer we began our Small Library Planning Process which was initiated by the Mass. Board of Library Commissioners and which all libraries in the state will have to do to be eligible for future grants or other financial aid. Briefly, the trustees and the librarian must review library circulation statistics, social and economic status, community and library history and compare these figures with other same-sized libraries in the state. Of most importance is to determine how our library is mainly used by our patrons. Based on the statistics, a plan is made and goals are set for a three-to-five year period. At the end of the period, the plan is reviewed and new goals are set. The purpose of the planning process is to help the library give better service to the community as it grows. Mary King of the Western Mass. Regional Library in Hatfield was invaluable in helping with this complicated and lengthy process. Those on the planning committee were Trustees Diana Bennett

and Melinda Gougeon, Tom Gambino and George Monk of the Friends and myself.

Circulation for 1992 was 20,988, down a bit from last year which was probably due to the construction and to the fact that we were closed for two weeks in the fall. Other statistics: inter-library loans: 467; books purchased: 80 adult fiction, 73 adult non-fiction and 56 juvenile. There were gifts of 48 adult and 33 juvenile books. Total attendance for classes from Sanderson was 630 during the six months they used the library.

Books given by local authors are: The Sporting Life by Lawrence Sheehan; Shaman by Noah Gordon; America At War—The Vietnam War by Maurice Isserman; The Making of the Civilized Mind and Human Intelligence and National Power by Seymour W. Izkoff; The Writing Trade by John Jerome and Birds of Prey by Noel and Helen Snyder, a joint publication by the daughter and son-in-law of the Russell Fessenden's.

We thank all who contributed books and materials to the library and to the book sale. Our appreciation goes to those who gave us assistance when needed, especially monetary contributions from Mrs. Carrolle Markle and her on-going memorial funds for her husband, Millard and her parents, the Herman Andersons.

I thank the Board of Trustees for their support and the Friends for their invaluable assistance during a very busy year. Mary Lucas helped with classes and with anything else at the drop of a hat; Louis Batalen helped with the bookmobile; Pat and Nordahl Arvidson helped where needed; Kay Fessenden helped with her magical book repairs; the Western Mass. Regional Library, and especially, Mary King assisted throughout the year. Special thanks go to the staff, Anne and Nadine; David, who has more work at the library now but still keeps it under control; my husband who helps behind the scenes and my son, Sandy, who helped with the moving of the things from the library.

And, most of all, a very warm thank you to all our patrons who stuck by us through the noise, dust and odors and braved it all to use the library. They showed us how important the library was to them.

Respectfully,

BARBARA V. ZALENSKI
Librarian

Belding Memorial Library

Report of Income and Expenditures
For the Year Ending June 30, 1992

Cash Balance, June 30, 1991	
Operating Funds	$ 5.17
Reserve Funds	
H-NIS 0249	2,634.55
USB 12831	1,039.80
Trust Funds	
Alonzo Lilly Fund	5,953.10
Sara Norton Fund	1,385.08
Hope Packard Fund	1,983.18
Markle Funds	1,883.34
BUILDING PROJECT	
Building Fund	2,977.96
Cap. Imp. Fund (Principal)	86,394.96
Cap. Imp. Fund (Interest)	1,457.78
TOTAL	105,714.92
INCOME	
Town of Ashfield	7,620.00
State Aid	2,035.77
Contributions	4,078.05
Other	334.99
Trust Income	
Belding Memorial Trust	4,791.06
Belding Memorial Surplus	138.23
Belding Endowment	179.76
Fred Cross Fund	425.94
Sara Norton Fund	94.21
Alonzo Lilly Fund	417.60
Hope Packard Fund	120.68
Markle Funds	76.91
MPH Publication	45.49
Reserve Funds Interest	
H-NIS 1110249	118.61
USB 12831	397.83
BUILDING PROJECT	
Town Appropriation	30,000.00
State Grant	57,940.00
Federal Grant	40,600.00
Capital Imp. Acct.	
USB 13985	2,371.82
USB 5120	76.57

Const. Acct. (I) Interest	367.25
Building Fund Interest	500.81
TOTAL	152,731.58
EXPENDITURES	
Payroll	10,702.43
Books and materials	4,426.82
Utilities	2,335.03
Janitor	1,869.44
Other	1,844.98
BUILDING PROJECT	85,474.52
TOTAL	106,653.22
Cash Balance, June 30, 1992	
Operating Funds	28.57
Reserve Funds	
H-NIS 0249	2,756.16
USB 12831	10,153.20
Trust Funds	
Alonzo Lilly Fund	6,370.70
Sara Norton Fund	1,482.29
Hope Packard Fund	2,103.86
Markle Funds	1,976.45
MPH Publication	517.99
BUILDING PROJECT	
Capital Improvement Acct.	
USB 13985	55,897.35
Building Fund	
USB 13654	12,831.81
Construction Acct. (I)	59,247.59
Construction Acct. (NI)	262.06
TOTAL	$153,628.03

Prepared by: RICHARD EVANS, former **Treasurer**
Submitted by: ELLEN MILLER, **Treasurer**

Report of the Belding Memorial Library Trustees

This past year was a very challenging year for the trustees who, after many hours of meetings, successfully completed the building and renovation project. The construction took seven months and went smoothly. The project was the major focus of the board this year and its success is directly related to the trustees' determination and devotion.

The project reached its goal of adding a beautiful children's room with new furnishings and bookcases, a multi-purpose room, new bathrooms, a new septic system that meets Title V requirements and making the library handicapped accessible. In addition, renovations of the existing library included repairing the roof and wiring; installation of a new energy-efficient furnace; increasing the insulation; repointing the stonework; widening and resurfacing the driveway and painting and carpeting the original section of the library. The project also reached a goal of staying within budget guidelines.

The library continues to play a vital role in the community with school classes from Sanderson Academy visiting the library regularly.

We thank Diana Bennett, Barbara Zalenki, Tom Gambino and George Monk who worked for several months preparing a specialized grant application called the "Small Library Planning Process" to develop a long-range plan and add to the children's collection.

We are very grateful to the new board of directors of the Friends of the Library for their loyal support. Their generous donations enabled us to purchase tables and chairs for the children's room, purchase additional books for our collection and fund the children's summer program. Their annual meeting featuring Tom Ricardi, a naturalist, was a splendid event.

During construction, we were able to offer the children a specialized summer program. Thank you to Helene Leue and the Friends for organizing such delightful and educational events.

We want to thank all the townspeople who supported the library this past year and for their patience concerning the building project. A special thanks to Barbara Zalenski, Nadine Smith and Ann Judson.

Respectfully submitted,

D. TIERTZA-LEAH SCHWARTZ,
Chairman
ELLEN MILLER, **Treasurer**
HELENE LEUE, **Secretary**
DIANA BENNETT
MELINDA GOUGEON

Foothills Health District Report

In 1992 the Foothills Health District stepped up its educational agenda through the issuances of press releases and sponsorship of local seminars as promised. The District has spent this past year strengthening its capacity to work more effectively within the communities. We are developing partnerships with other health oriented agencies to facilitate and improve local public health outreach programs and prevention based on environmental health initiatives.

The Foothills Health District began its community based partnerships in 1991. The Department of Environmental Protection, Franklin County Planners and various local businesses, including bankers, realtors, oil companies, etc., produced a model groundwater protection videotape and began to develop a solid regional network fabric. The District continues to seek and expand these relationships. This year the Foothills Health District has received a grant from the Kellogg Foundation to create a multi-media rabies resource center to be utilized by any Massachusetts government official or interested citizen. Lorraine Wallace, graduate student of public health at the University of Massachusetts, is the intern responsible for this project. Lorraine will also develop a community specific rabies response plan for the Foothills Health District member towns.

Non-compliance to Board of Health enforcement orders has increased this year, encouraging a look at other possible creative options of enforcement. Within each County in the District there have been different enforcement issues. In Hampshire County, problems relate mostly to non-compliance with the housing code. These issues have been addressed effectively through a court sponsored mediation process with which the District Agent is involved. In Franklin County, water pollution control violations lead to the majority of court enforcement proceedings.

In 1993 the Health Department will attempt to increase compliance with respect to eachtown's issues. For instance, Whately and Ashfield have been awarded a DEP grant to be administered by the County Commissioners. This grant is designed to develop and assist in enforcement of existing groundwater protection regulations. A training program designed by courthouse officials will be presented to enforcement agents to tailor and enhance their options. This program's goals will include avoiding litigation where possible, and when not possible, to achieve case proficiency.

We are confident that the Health Department's activities will improve public health care delivery for all District members.

Respectfully submitted,

JOAN BARRY
Health Agent

Council on Aging Report

The Shelburne Senior Center is the focal point for a program of service sponsored by the Council on Aging Consortium representing the towns of Ashfield, Buckland, Colrain, and Shelburne. The Center's mission is to provide information and referral on any topic of interest to elders, to provide forums on relevant health and education issues, to provide access to medical facilities, shopping areas, and recreational and social opportunities through an efficient demand-response transportation system, and to provide an outreach program of support to families and elders who are making important decisions involving such topics as housing, home care, health insurance, nutrition, and isolation.

During the past year, attendance by Ashfield residents at programs held at the Center was 173. Elders used the transportation system 107 times for a total of 3,228 miles. The Meals-on-Wheels program delivered 1,117 hot meals and frozen dinners to Ashfield residents, and elders consumed 260 dinners at the Senior Center.

Members of the Ashfield Council on Aging have been active throughout the year helping with such varied activities as implementing an exercise program, fundraising, providing computer expertise, leading a book discussion group, and facilitating publicity in the **Ashfield News**. As a result of these efforts, participation by Ashfield elders continues to grow.

Some of the major programs presented during the year include the traveling photography exhibit, "Life in West County, 1900-1950," "Solving the Elder Health Insurance Puzzle," and "Continuum of Care," a program describing housing and health care options.

In closing, we wish to thank the community and the Board of Selectmen for their continued support of the Council on Aging.

Respectfully submitted,

SYLVIA MONK, **Chair**
RON BROWN, **Director**
GEORGE MONK
CASS NAWROCKI
FERN NYE
SALLY STRAUS

Dog Officer's Report

The Ashfield Dog Officer's activities have, like other years, increased. The primary reason for this is tighter restrictions regarding the rabies epidemic. Although Ashfield to date has no confirmed cases of rabies, the threat is ever present. In February of this year a new law, MA. General Laws Chap. 140 Section 145B, went into effect. This law states that all cats, as well as dogs, must be inoculated for rabies. It is my hope that all conscientious cat owners will obtain the necessary shots to ensure continued safety to themselves and the community. By working together there will be no such diseases as rabies in New England.

In January of this year I passed out rabies informational pamphlets and gave presentations to the classes at Sanderson Academy. Ashfield presently has a Rabies Control Program for investigation and testing of suspected rabid animals. To aid in verifying rabies inoculation, it is requested that all dog and cat owners place the rabies tag on the pet's collar. If anyone observes a domestic or wild animal acting strange or out of character please contact myself or the police department immediately. Anyone needing information on rabies may contact myself or a veterinarian.

During the past year several dogs and cats were discovered in serious trouble. Some were caught in the brush on their broken chains and others were caught in traps by mistake. Thanks to some observant residents these animals were rescued from certain destruction. If anyone sees or hears an animal that seems in distress, please investigate or notify us at once.

As a reminder, all dogs 6 months and older must be licensed by April 1st of each year. In order to obtain a dog license an up-to-date Rabies Certificate must be presented to the town clerk. There is also a year round dog restraining order in effect for Ashfield. Dog owners are fully responsible for any expenses resulting from damage done by an unrestrained dog.

In February of last year the smallest stray dog found in Ashfield was picked up by Betty Lesure. This adult female Terrier—mix weighed approximately 11 pounds and had been living in the cold and snow for several days. Due to her size, the dog was taken into our home where she received warmth and tender care. After 12 days of advertising with no owner coming forth, "Lilly" was put up for adoption and is now living very comfortably and confidently in an Ashfield home.

I want to thank all the people who have supported and assisted me in performing a very worthwhile service to the animal population of Ashfield. Someone once said "without animals, people would not survive on earth."

Anyone having questions or concerns can reach me at (413) 628-3811. All lost and found notices are posted in the Post Office, Elmer's and Rice's stores.

Dogs placed	6
Dogs destroyed	0
Phone calls	3814
Dogs confined	24
Cats confined	2
Mileage	3683
Labor Hours	1343
Kennel Expenses	$89.99
Fines collected	$196.00

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN KIRKPATRICK
Dog Officer

Ashfield Energy Resources Commission Report

The commission met infrequently last year with our main focus still on the transfer station. We continued to look at ways to lower disposal costs by increasing efficiency and expanding what can be recycled. This year milk and juice cartons were added to the bottle and can recycling bin. Most operations are running smoothly. The townspeople continue to support recycling which saves the town thousands of dollars annually.

The HRMC sponsored a household hazardous waste program. Five Ashfield families learned what many common hazards are and alternative suggestions of environmentally friendly products available to use.

A work bee was held again in November at the transfer station. The children's recycling center was cleared to make room for new clothes, toys and accessories and a general clean up before winter was well attended. The oil recycling area was also cleaned out.

We welcomed two new members, Sue Larson and Deb Cole who are eager to help.

The commission again would like to thank the Library for overseeing the book exchange, all those who have made the Mohawk Drive a success, and everyone who has helped keep the children's area clean. Thanks again to all Ashfield residents for your cooperation. You help save the town money and preserve the environment a little longer!

PHILIP PLESS, **Chairman**
TOM McCRUMM
CHRIS REID
SUE LARSON
DEB COLE

Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative

The Towns have continued their financial support of the HRMC in a level funded fashion because they realize the critical needs, both environmental and fiscal that the HRMC helps them meet. This year the HRMC will remain level funded on a per capita basis but will seek an overall dollar increase in its budget of $5,905.80 due to the increase in the populations (1,737 people) of the eleven member communities based on the 1990 census numbers.

During the past year the HRMC through its coordinator and volunteers has been involved in the following areas:

1) Monitoring of the MRF recycling program. Each month the eleven member Towns send over 110 tons of recyclables (bottles, cans, paper and cardboard) to the MRF in Springfield saving the Towns over $6,000 per month combined or $72,600 per year. There will be changes in how the MRF operates over the next two years as the Towns' free tipping contracts with the MRF end on January 1, 1995. The HRMC Coordinator plans on being actively involved in the process of evaluating and determining a long term management strategy for the MRF.

2) Continued monitoring of the member Towns' use of the Northampton regional landfill. The Towns' having been sending their trash to Northampton since July, 1989, monitoring and insuring a positive relationship with the City of Northampton is beneficial to all eleven member communities.

3) Since July 1990 the HRMC has been operating its own plastic recycling program. The program involves hauling the #1 and #2 plastic jugs and containers to a central site in Williamsburg, MA, where they are sorted and baled in preparation for market. This program has been very successful, and we look forward to continuing and improving this program.

4) The HRMC's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) education and collection program is now an annual ongoing program. Because of the high cost of holding a HHW collection day ($125/household), the HRMC has developed an innovative program which will serve to educate the public as to what is Household Hazardous Waste and what are less or non-toxic alternatives. A wide scale collection is impossible at this time because of limited funds.

5) The HRMC also plans to continue its role as community facilitator in the areas of stress relief for local Boards concerning waste management issues, keeping the lines of communications clear and open concerning the state regulatory bodies (DEP) and the bidding of trash hauling services.

6) Education and public outreach to all residents and businesses in the eleven member communities. This task involves the HRMC Coordinator going directly to the schools, community groups, transfer stations, town meetings, businesses, etc., to talk about waste disposal, recycling

and environmental issues. This task is the lynch pin in all of our waste disposal cost control and recycling efforts. The more residents know and understand about waste disposal and recycling the more likely they are to recycle and dispose of their waste properly.

7) Applied for and received a Farmers Home Administration (FMHA) recycling grant in cooperation with three other Western Massachusetts regional waste management organizations and the Center for Rural Massachusetts at the University of Massachusetts. The HRMC's share of this $160,000 grant is $15,000. This grant has afforded the HRMC and other regional organizations a great opportunity to work together in a truly regional fashion and will help us work on solving an important problem for both the communities and businesses. The HRMC has reapplied for this grant for October 1993 as well.

The HRMC envisions the next year as a time to improve on what it is already trying to accomplish. In tight fiscal times such as these, cooperation and education can go a long way. Cooperation between the eleven HRMC member communities in a venture such as this has only helped to improve the waste disposal and recycling situation and helped create some market stability for the long term. The Towns should be applauded and commended for their efforts, and I look forward to serving the eleven member communities over the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

ERIC WEISS
Coordinator, HRMC

Conservation Commission Report

The duties of the Conservation Commission include local application of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, as well as other conservation-related duties. We ask all Ashfield citizens to take seriously the protection of our local natural resources by bringing to our attention any concerns regarding local wetlands protection, endangered species, timber cutting, etc. Most of our regular business involves review of Requests for Determination and Notices of Intent under the Wetlands Protection Act.

Requests for Determination result in a decision by the Conservation Commission as to whether the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act applies to a given project. When any doubt exists as to whether excavation, construction or related activities will take place within 100 feet of wetlands, the Commission should be notified and a Determination will be made.

Notice of Intent is filed by a landowner to inform the Commission when work is to take place within wetlands or their 100 foot buffer zone. If work is clearly within the wetlands or buffer zone, the Request for Determination is usually bypassed. Submitting a Notice of Intent provides the Commission with a clear plan of what construction is proposed. On this basis a public hearing is advertised and held, at which the applicant, abutters and anyone else may participate. Following the hearing, site visits by Commission members, and approval by the regional office of DEP in Springfield, an Order of Conditions is usually issued, which specifies how wetlands are to be protected.

During the calendar year 1992 the Conservation Commission held five public hearings, issued five Notices of Intent, received three Requests for Determination, had twenty-seven inquiries and made twenty-one site visits.

The Conservation Commission's share of fees collected during this period totaled $312.50. The receipts are used to support the Conservation Commission's business.

Alan Surprenant and Donald Weber both resigned the Commission in 1992, and Stephen Tilley was appointed by the Ashfield Selectboard. This Commission would like to extend its thanks to both Alan Surprenant and Donald Weber and their families for their contribution to the Town of Ashfield by serving on this Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD G. MULLER, JR.,
Chairman
DONALD LESURE
DANIEL PHELPS
STEPHEN G. TILLEY

Report of the Planning Board

Early in 1992, the Short-Term Bylaw Review Subcommittee presented two versions of proposed bylaws to the Planning Board. Both reports incorporated some features of the bylaw proposals voted down at a special town meeting in 1991, but streamlined the original document and deleted some features that met with voter disapproval. Since then the Planning Board has spent most of its time reviewing the proposals, word by word, in an effort to present the town with a new set of bylaws that will meet both present and future needs.

The routine business of the board has continued its trend towards less activity, presumably a reflection of the slow economy. The board received five special permit applications in 1992 and endorsed five land divisions through the Approval Not Required (ANR) process.

The spring election brought new member Walter Cudnohufsky to the board. Other members are Mark Spees, chairman, Grace Lesure, clerk, Anne Yuryan, and Joel Arsenault. All of the Planning Board members welcome input from residents on the subject of new bylaws or any other planning issue. The board meets in Town Hall at 7: 30 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

THE PLANNING BOARD

Mary Priscilla Howes Fund Finance Committee Report

In November, 1989, the "Mary Priscilla Howes Fund" was established to fund cultural and historical projects and programs. This fund is administered by the Finance Committee.

For 1991, the fund contributed $400.00 toward the research on the life and work of Richard Lee, a local pewterer who lived and worked in Ashfield in the 1790's. This research and publication of a booklet is being done by Stephen P. Smithers in conjunction with the Ashfield Historical Society. Completion of this project is scheduled for late summer 1993.

Application forms may be obtained from and submitted to the town office or any Finance Committee member. All applications are considered in January following the close of the calendar year.

THOMAS CRANSTON, **Chairman**
CYNTHIA CLARKE
WILLIAM FAIRCHILD
DALE KIRKPATRICK
PRISCILLA PHELPS

Annual Report of the Superintendent of Schools

This year the Legislature and Governor Weld are again involved in a debate on the creation of an Education Reform Bill for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Last Year the various parties were unable to agree on what components the Education Reform Bill should include.

As of January, 1993, the major highlights of the proposed legislation are as follows:

1. It limits the role of the school committee involvement in personnel matters to the hiring and dismissal of the superintendent. The superintendent would be responsible for the hiring and dismissal of all other central office employees. Principals would be responsible for the hiring and dismissal of all staff members subject to a review and prior approval of the superintendent.
2. Tenure for teachers and administrators would be eliminated.
3. Local school education councils would be established for each school. The council would be very active in advising the principals and school committees in all aspects of the local school operations.
4. The council would be the municipal appropriating authority to approve school committee collective bargaining contracts.

The Reform Bill would require the establishment of K-12 regional school districts by 1997 under the governance of a single school committee and superintendent. School systems can request a waiver of the policy from the Commissioner of Education.

Much uncertainty still exists regarding the financing of the educational reform plan. It would be unfortunate if the law was passed without sufficient financial benefits to school districts. School systems are under duress and will continue to struggle until a long range financial plan is established in Massachusetts. Preliminary figures show only modest financial gains for local school districts in any of the education reform funding proposals.

During this school year, a major effort is underway to consider the expansion of the eight communities in the Mohawk Trail Regional School District to a single K-12 regional school district. In October, 1992, special town meetings were held in nine communities, including the town of Rowe. Six communities approved of the amendments to create a K-12 regional school district. Three communities either voted to defeat the amendments or approved other amendments which had the effect of defeating the K-12 amendments. Some communities were concerned about loss of voting representation on the single school committee, and loss of local control. Two communities have established study committees to review the specific impact of a K-12 school system in their respective towns. Voters in all nine communities must approve the establishment of a K-12 school district.

The K-12 Committee on Organization is working diligently on revising the district agreement in an effort to find a compromise that would encourage the approval of all communities.

Under existing state funding formulas the approval of a K-12 school district would provide approximately $900,000 in additional funds in the 1994-95 school year. If a K-12 school district existed in the current school year, the school systems would have been eligible to receive the $900,000. These funds would have consisted of $818,000 in school district aid and an additional $73,000 in Equal Education Opportunity Grant funds. If a K-12 school district is approved prior to June 30, 1993, the school district will receive $165,000 for the 1993-94 school budget.

It needs to be noted that these figures are based on existing funding formulas which could be changed if an education reform package is approved and becomes effective July 1, 1993.

The need for additional state funding becomes very evident as school committees develop budgets for next year. At Mohawk large increases in assessments will be necessary to maintain existing educational programs. There is a need for three additional teachers to accommodate an increase in enrollment of 60 students. There is a critical need for more space to house the increasing numbers of students that will be attending Mohawk in the next five years. The building needs a new roof, upgrading of the heating system, new equipment for the computer programs, and other improvements. There were 38 recommendations pertaining to the building contained in a report of the Visiting Committee of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges in October of 1992. In addition, the budget decisions for all elementary schools will be difficult as they face similar problems relative to space and program needs.

Building committees have been approved by most of the school committees in order to address the serious space needs that confront the schools. It's imperative that these building committees make recommendations to respective school committees by the end of the current school year in order to address the long term educational needs of the various schools.

Respectfully submitted,

BRUCE E. WILLARD, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools

Sanderson Academy Principal's Report

Dear Mr. Willard,

I submit my report as Acting Principal of Sanderson Academy for the School Year 1992-1993 with pleasure.

There were 18 Ashfield students who graduated in June 1992. They are:

Laura Barry	Kelly Finn	Nicholas Griswold
Melissa Grullemans	Emily Hamilton	Andrea LaBelle
Jessi Lanoue	Seth Mandeville	Ariana Moore
Jason Pariseau	Melissa Pariseau	Robert Reyor
Sarah Ryan	David Scheiber	Jarod Soucie
Brian Swem	Craig Taylor	Nathaniel Waisbrot

Our total enrollment on December 1, 1992 equaled 216 students in grades K-6. The numbers of students at each grade level are as follows: kindergarten, 31 children; grade one, 32 chidren; grade two, 23 children; grade three has 36 students; grade four, 41; grade five, 24; and sixth grade totals 29 students. This year there are 163 students enrolled from Ashfield. Plainfield students total 52 and there is one tuition student in Grade Three. All classes are grouped heterogeneously. Classes are grouped in the following manner; 2 sessions of kindergarten, 3 classes of First/Second Combination grades, two Third Grade classes, two Fourth and one Fifth grade class. There are two classes of sixth grade students, and they continue to occupy two classroom spaces at the Ashfield House on Main Street.

The faculty this year consists of 11 regular classroom teachers and one Special Needs teacher and one Reading Specialist/Chapter 1 teacher. This is an addition of one staff member from the previous year. There are four part-time teachers for art, vocal music, instrumental music and physical education. A psychologist, speech therapist and speech therapist aide provide services three days a week. Essential Skills and Chapter 1 grant monies remained stable, allowing us to hire two part-time aides who, along with the Reading Teacher, provide supplementary support to students at all grade levels.

Members of the Sanderson faculty serve on several advisory boards: Early Childhood, Insurance, Regional Task Group on Education, Parent Advisory Board, Middle School Council, and GARP (Group Advisory Review Panel), which continues to oversee and evaluate the effectiveness of our combination first and second grade classes, and will make recommendations to the School Committee.

Sanderson students have enjoyed the benefits from individuals and organizations. The Arts Lottery Council has made it possible for the students in K-3 to attend "Babar" and the 4-6 students were treated to a performance of "A Bridge to Teribithia" at Deerfield Academy. The Sanderson PTO works closely with the staff to monitor classroom needs. Funds raised through Fall sales of candles and other gift items and the

annual Spring Book Fair are generously shared with teachers who apply by formal requests for things such as field trip transportation, supplies for the classroom, etc. The PTO provides volunteers who help in the classes and also staff the library so that it can remain open for the school day. As a thank you to the students and parents, a performance of Foolsproof Follies was presented to all in the school gymnasium.

The Ashfield Lions Club has made the final payments on the office copy machine. The Sanderson Alumni Association and the Swift River Inn have donated funds for student activities and enhancement materials. People have also been very generous in providing labor and materials as requested through the Mary Lyon Gift Catalogue, and we sincerely thank them all.

The Exchange Program to Mexico began again, this time with a new school, Escuela Lomas Altas, which is located in the same area of Mexico City. Twelve students from the sixth grade and chaperone, Barbara Kiendzior, traveled to Mexico in February for 14 days. Fifteen students and their chaperone arrived in Ashfield and Plainfield in April. New England cooperated with a spring snowstorm! This is quite an experience for our guest students, and they very much enjoyed it.

The fifth and sixth grades are involved in many activities. The year begins with a magazine drive with proceeds to help fund special trips such as the week-long stay at Camp Keewaydin Environmental Education Center in Vermont for the fifth grade and the class trip in June for the sixth grade. There is an afternoon soccer program and involvement in the Middle School Musical at Mohawk.

The third and fourth grades have had the opportunity to participate in the program with the Arts Council of Franklin County. This year the theme was "Animals: Symbols in Cultures" and had a fall and spring session. The third grade had a grand finale to their study of early Massachusetts history and geography with their traditional day trip to Boston.

In the Spring, with the financial support of the Ashfield Historical Society, our ALL-SCHOOL PROJECT "A Reading-Writing Celebration" began. A concert performed by Quet'zal kicked things off. Each class picked a genre, or unit of study, to concentrate on for three weeks. The fourth week was spent sharing poems, plays, and readings with others in the school. Authors Robert McClung, Margot Apple, and Beverly Duncan visited classrooms sharing their insights and talent with students. A Read-A-Thon was also held at this time with World Book Inc. and valuable reference materials were earned for all the students to use.

An Arbor Day/May Day tradition was begun — thanks again to the Ashfield Historical Society. Six of the trees were not planted until May 1st. With the help of Ray and Randy Sears and Doug Cranson, each class planted their tree which will belong to them while progressing through Sanderson. A celebration will be held each spring with the classes sharing stories, poems, information and pictures of their tree and the sixth grade passing their tree on to the kindergarten students who will become first graders the next fall.

The school year ended with a Science Challenge coordinated by Barbara Kiendzior and Poppy Doyle for the whole school. Field Day, picnics and graduation brought the year to a close.

The community support for school needs and programs is truly the "wind beneath our wings", and I thank each and every person in the community, each staff member, each student and every parent for their interest, enthusiasm, involvement and continued assistance in making Sanderson Academy the best school that it can be.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNE MARIE MISLAK
Acting Principal

Mohawk Trail Regional High School Annual Report of the Principal

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to present my eleventh annual report as principal of the Mohawk Trail Regional High School. In the past year the school population has grown to 725 students which is slightly above the rated operational capacity of the school. Ninety-eight seniors will graduate this June and we expect our incoming seventh grade to bring 165 students in September. This marks the beginning of several years of large growth in population. We anticipate nearly 900 students by 1996.

In the fall of 1992, a fifteen member visiting team from the New England Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges spent four days here to evaluate the school's compliance with the standards of membership. The report, issued in November, pointed to a hard-working, dedicated staff, an excellent student body and a challenging academic program. The visiting committee also noted the insufficiency of finances to support educational programs and the great needs of the physical plant, including the need for a new roof and expanded space for classes. There was also a clear indication that the school needed to upgrade its computer hardware and its technology programs.

Athletic programs are continuing and demonstrating high degrees of success. Our thanks to the Mohawk Athletic Association for its enduring support. Also many thanks to the host of school and community organizations for their assistance in replacing the bleachers on the football field which has been condemned. The Middle School Musical "Meet Me in St. Louis" was an acclaimed success throughout the county. This spring will bring a repeat of "Oklahoma", the all-school musical. In academics, the

school has added an Advanced Placement Course in American History and is refining its curriculum in math to include a course in statistics. We anticipate that 60% of seniors will continue their education at two and four year colleges.

Once again we face the uncertainty of state financial support of education and the confusion engendered by the various forms of legislative reform packages. It appears that the sole stable support of education are the nine-town citizens who historically do whatever is necessary to insure that their children receive a quality education.

PHILIP A. DZIALO
Principal

1992 MOHAWK GRADUATES - TOWN OF ASHFIELD

Tristan Arsenault
Amanda Ausikaitis
Simaya Ausikaitis
David Bardwell
Jonathan Cranston
Peter Fuller
E. Daniel Heiser
Benjamin Murphy
Michelle Murray
Cheri Robidoux
Deanna Taylor

Annual Report of the Special Education Department

As of December 1, 1992, there are 315 children receiving special education services throughout the nine towns of the Mohawk Trail Regional School District. This accounts for approximately 17% of the total student population.

The majority of special services are provided within the individual's school district whenever possible. When, as in some cases, it becomes more effective to provide out-of-district services, such services are sought.

Chapter 766 of the Acts of 1972 require that, ... "school age children: any person of ages three through twenty-one up to his/her twenty-second birthday, who has not obtained a high school diploma or its equivalent because of a disability consisting of a developmental delay or an intellectual, sensory, neurological, emotional, communication, physical, specific learning or health impairment or combination thereof, is unable to progress effectively in regular education and requires special education services in order to successfully develop the child's individual educational potential.

In order to meet the needs of our students, a wide variety of services are provided. A number of these services and their providers cover the entire nine town district, while others are found in individual districts.

System-wide, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy and the services of an Early Childhood Coordinator are provided. A great deal of the therapy provided is on a one-to-one or small group basis. The goals and objectives that the therapist and student work on are addressed in the child's Individualized Education Plan. These goals and objectives are periodically reviewed so the child's program will continuously provide for the best possible program.

The Early Childhood Coordinator is responsible for implementing federally mandated child search activities in the nine town area throughout the year. The Early Childhood Coordinator coordinates and/or participates in: a) special needs screening of preschoolers age 3 to 5 years; b) special needs screening of Kindergarteners; and c) team meetings of preschoolers and Kindergarteners. The Early Childhood Coordinator acts as a liaison with outside agencies serving young children as well as coordinating special education services to preschoolers ages 3 to 5 years. The Early Childhood Coordinator also acts as a resource person to parents, teachers, and other school staff in regards to resources, programs and services for young special needs children.

The goal of our special education services is to "mainstream," that is to integrate the children into the regular education programs as much as possible. The special education programs within our district strive to mainstream youngsters as much as possible. There are nine special

needs rooms throughout the nine town district. Most of the students serviced by these programs are seen for areas such as language arts, math, study skills, etc. The special education instructor often coordinates the child's program with that of the regular education program. With the assistance of the special education aides, the goals and objectives of each child's Individual Education Plan are implemented and periodically evaluated.

Each of the schools within our district receives services from a school psychologist. The school psychologist contributes a variety of services to our schools. Chief among these services are their assessments of individual's ability and the counseling provided to individuals.

All of the support services provided within our nine town district depend upon the strong networking of talents. Parents, through individual and Parent Advisory Council support, school personnel and outside support agencies, all assist in providing guidance in programs for children in both special and regular education programs. It is this coordinated effort that strengthens special education programs and enables us to meet the special needs of those we serve.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD J. McINERNY
Special Education Director

School Library/Media Center Report

Goals for the six school library/media centers in our school district included updating the card catalog, weeding outdated material, repair of audio-visual equipment, refinement of library skills curriculum and establishment of a student assistant training program. The publication of a catalog of all non-print material in our school libraries is a district wide goal that will reduce duplication of expensive software. At Mohawk Trail Regional School the utilization of MassLearn Pike television programming for curriculum enhancement has been a major project. A satellite dish was installed on the roof of the school, and classrooms will have access to both cable and local programming. The Falls Cable Corporation television studio located adjacent to the Resource Center has provided excellent technical assistance for many student productions. Under the guidance of Dr. Mark Purinton and Mr. Robert Kugell an afterschool course in television production has been offered to students for high school credit.

This past year a portion of the budgets for personnel and supplies was reinstated in many of the school libraries that had previously experienced budget cuts. Although still not completely restored to level funding, the six school libraries have been operating with resumed efficiency as indicated by the following total circulation statistics for the school district:

Print Material	37,490
Non-Print Material	4,417
Inter-library Loan	239
Total Circulation	42,146

At the close of 1992, district library/media personnel are as follows: Buckland-Shelburne Regional Elementary School - Toni Wilcox; Colrain Central School - Eugenie Lynch; Hawlemont Regional Elementary School - Candace Cross; Rowe Elementary School - Wanda Musacchio; Sanderson Academy - Beverly Williams; Mohawk Trail Regional School - Susan Silvester, Marjorie Porrovecchio, Julie DuPree and Pat Hinds. Volunteers at each school library are greatly appreciated by the students and staff.

SUSAN B. SILVESTER, Ed. D.
Director of Instructional Media K-12

Ashfield Plainfield Regional School District

Balance Sheet as of June 30, 1992

After Transfers

ASSETS:

CASH:		
United Bank	$ 40,694.72	
M.M.D.T.	65,070.98	$105,765.70
TO BE RECEIVED:		
Town of Ashfield		
Town of Plainfield		
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS		
TO BE RECEIVED:		
Chapter 70		
Chapter 71, Reg. Aid.		
Chapter 71, Transp.		
Chapter 71, SPED Transp.		
TUITION:		$ 105,765.70
TOTAL ASSETS:		

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES:

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS:	
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	$ 2,384.49
Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Other	218.88
School Lunch Fund	
Meals Tax	
GRANTS:	
School Improvement FY91	3.05
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS:	
INTEREST	
MISCELLANEOUS	
COMM. OF MA.	
TUITION	
BAND REVOLVING FUND	46.97
UNRESTRICTED SURPLUS	46,515.66
OPERATING BUDGET	
ENCUMBERED SALARIES FY92	56,360.55
ESSENTIAL SKILLS FY92	
SUMMER SALARIES	236.10
TOTAL LIABILITIES	
AND RESERVES:	$ 105,765.70

Additional Financial information is available in the Town Office.

Mohawk Trail Regional School District

Balance Sheet as of June 30, 1992

After Transfers

ASSETS:

Cash:		
United Bank N.O.W.	$ 108,937.23	
BayBank	10,184.65	
M.M.D.T. - Asbestos	62,252.49	
M.M.D.T. - Gas Conversion	91,612.79	
M.M.D.T.	191,092.10	$ 464,079.26

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:

Town of:

- Ashfield
- Buckland
- Charlemont
- Colrain
- Hawley
- Heath
- Plainfield
- Shelburne

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS:

- Chapter 70 Gen. Aid
- Chapter 71 Reg. Aid
- Chapter 71 Transp.
- Chapter 71 SPED Transp.

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES:

Asbestos Fund Balance		$ 62,252.49
Asbestos Interest Receipts		
Gas Conversion Grant		91,612.79
Gas Conversion Interest Receipts		
Gas Conversion Project		(17,338.90)
Payroll Deductions:		
Blue Cross/Blue Shield		11,779.94
Blue Cross/Blue Shield Other		2,111.42
Cafeteria:		
School Lunch	(20,914.24)	
Meals Tax	0.00	(20,914.24)
Music Fund		90.74
Athletic Fund		13,911.21
Driver Education Account		918.56
Grants (listed below)		3,949.96
Estimated Receipts:		
Interest		
Misc.		
Tuition		
Comm. of MA		
Rotating Salaries Account		374.89
999 Misc. In & Out Account		74.46
Unrestricted Surplus		93,634.16

S.B.A.B. Grant	
TUITION RECEIPTS:	
TOTAL ASSETS:	$ 464,079.26

Additional Financial Information is available in the Town Office.

Operating & Capital Budget Balance	
Chapter 71 Vocational Transportation	13,007.41
Essential Skills Summer Ins. Setaside	30.09
School Business Partnership	2.50
Summer Expenditures Setaside FY92	6,325.36
Encumbered Salaries FY92	192,868.68
Transportation Bid Deposits	30,000.00
Union Budget	(5,625.26)
Stop Payment Fee Charged In Error	(10.00)
Handicapped Access Deficit	(14,977.00)
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	$ 464,079.26

GRANTS:

Chapter 1 E.C.I.A. FY92	($ 11,874.36)
West County Resource Team Title VIB FY92	(4,533.47)
Title VIB Project Integration FY92	20.00
E.C.I.A. Chapter 2 Block Grant FY92	70.40
High Risk Youth/Replication	(1,481.30)
Essential Skills FY92	3,509.04
Early Intervention FY92	3,471.23
Title II EESA Dwight D. Eisenhower Math/Science FY92	1,020.93
Home School Collaboration	432.60
Drug Free Schools Project Intervene FY92	1,942.39
Mohawk District Integration Project FY92	3,625.00
Training for Improving Quality of Early Childhood Programs, Community Wide	7,747.50
Total:	$ 3,949.96

Mohawk Trail Regional School District

Appropriations and Expenditures - FY 92

Appropriation Account	Appropriation	Expended
Administration		
School Committee Expenses	$ 16,564.00	$ 34,861.52
Treasurer Office Expenses	15,849.00	15,084.26
Superintendent Office Expenses	134,899.00	126,975.22
	$ 167,312.00	$ 176,921.00
Instructional		
Supervision/Coordinator Expense	$ 77,549.00	$ 74,971.52
Principal Office Expense	179,868.00	180,546.94
Classroom Teaching Expense	1,948,497.00	1,959,101.97
Textbook Expense	20,962.00	16,811.80
Library Expense	58,910.00	64,713.06
Audio-Visual Expense	19,059.00	18,135.48
Student Service (Guidance) Expense	139,642.00	137,859.20
Psychological Expense	62,956.00	58,868.33
	$2,507,443.00	$ 2,511,008.30
Other School Services		
Attendance Officer Services	$ 325.00	$ 325.00
Health Services	23,848.00	22,931.72
Pupil Transportation-Regular & SPED	678,104.00	677,301.14
Food Services	0.00	0.00
Athletics	1,200.00	1,321.00
	$ 703,477.00	$ 701,878.86
Operation & Maintenance of Plant		
Custodial	$ 157,859.00	$ 156,466.42
Electric/Gas	181,300.00	199,137.20
Rubbish Removal	1,458.00	6,345.88
Water Testing	1,000.00	480.00
Telephones	6,319.00	6,235.63
sub-total	$ 347,936.00	$ 368,665.13
Yards & Grounds	$ 4,850.00	$ 8,151.54
School Bldg. Maintenance & Repair	27,600.00	26,484.30
School Bldg. Equipment Maintenance	23,350.00	23,076.99
	$ 403,736.00	$ 426,377.96
Fixed Charges		
Retirement Assessments	$ 72,528.00	$ 71,070.80
Insurances	325,719.00	340,100.44
Short-Term Interest	0.00	0.00
	$ 398,247.00	$ 411,171.24

Community Services		
	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Transportation - Private Schools		
	$ 0.00	$$ 0.00
Acquisition of Fixed Assets		
New Equipment	$ 10,767.00	$ 15,268.73
Replacement Equipment	19,020.00	12,789.83
	$ 29,787.00	$ 28,058.56
Debt Retirement		
10-Year Asbestos Principal	$ 32,500.00	$ 32,500.00
13-Year Govt. Asbestos Principal	5,000.00	5,000.00
Elevator/Handicap Principal	8,023.00	23,000.00
10-Year Asbestos Interest & Cost	9,100.00	8,232.38
Elevator/Handicap Int., Fees & Cost	11,495.00	10,195.49
	$ 66,118.00	$ 78,927.87
Programs with Other Districts		
MA. Schools	$ 0.00	$ 876.16
Out-of-State Schools	0.00	0.00
Non-Public Schools	13,990.00	39,891.27
Collaboratives	4,217.00	4,116.21
	$ 18,207.00	$ 44,883.64
FY 92 - Appropriations Only	$ 4,294,327.00	$ 4,379,227.43
M.T.R.S.D. Total FY 92 Expended		$ 8,542,074.96

Mohawk Trail Regional School District
Vocational Account
Balance Sheet as of June 30, 1992
After Transfers

ASSETS:			LIABILITIES	
			EXPENSES:	
			Interest Payable	
CASH:			Miscellaneous	
M.M.D.T.	$ 264,635.13		Transportation	
State Street	10,836.94	$ 275,472.07	Tuition Expense	
Accounts Receivable:			Notes Payable	$ 675,000.00
Towns		398,630.93	Interest Earned	
			Miscellaneous Receipts	
			Fund Balance	
			Town Receipts	
			Loan Receipts	
			Loan Offset	
			Transportation Expenses/Reimbursements from Town of Cummington	(897.00)
BALANCE:		$ 674,103.00	BALANCE:	$ 674,103.00

Other Than Appropriations - FY 92

		Expended
Athletic Revolving		$ 52,590.12
Band Revolving		264.00
Cafeteria Revolving		148,060.24
Driver Education Program		13,232.16
Newsletter - Elementary Schools		1,000.00
Keewanee Brokering		23,236.25
Vocational Brokering		804,666.71
Gas Conversion Project		313,338.90
School/Business Partnership		492.00
Encumbrances - from '91 Appropriation for Salaries		187,092.76
Grants & Revolvings to pay Summer Salaries, etc. not encumbered		6,997.05
FY 92 Rotating Salaries		169,828.19
Union Items - Mohawk to be Repaid		93,446.76
Return of Transportation Bid Deposits, etc.		105,450.00
Other Expense Items - Repayment to come from Others		45,903.82
Federal Grants		$ 301,867.05
Drug Free Grants	$ 14,147.52	
Youth High Risk	3,481.30	
ECIA Chapter 1 Remedial	150,746.96	
ECIA Chapter 2 Block	10,997.51	
EESA Title II Math/Science	3,606.48	
89-313 Early Intervention	20,286.21	
91-262 Summer Enrichment	5,950.00	
92-262 Summer Enrichment	1,375.00	
92-259 Early Childhood	1,002.50	
94-142 SPED Programs	89,156.25	
92-251 Home/School Collaborative	567.40	
Tech. Assist. - Deaf	549.92	
State Grants		$ 57,867.27
Chapter 188 - Essential Skills	28,217.51	
Chapter 188 - EEOG	29,616.00	
School Improvement	33.76	
Employees Withholdings, etc.		1,122,014.25
Vocational Rollover		480,000.00
Elevator/Handicap Access Rollover		138,000.00
Asbestos Rollover		97,500.00
FY 92 TOTAL - OTHER THAN APPROPRIATIONS		$4,162,847.53

List of Appropriations — Fiscal 1993

The following is a true list of appropriations voted at the Annual Town Meeting held on May 2, 1992:

	Trans/Bor.	Taxation	Avail. Funds
Admin. Assistant		$ 21,000.00	
Accountant		7,000.00	
Appeals Board		360.00	
Assessors Exp.		19,700.00	
Audit & Accounting		2,750.00	
Belding Library		8,400.00	
Blue Cross		45,000.00	
Bonds		800.00	
Bldg. Insp. Program		18,330.34	
Civil Defense Exp.		150.00	
Conservation Comm.		100.00	
Council on Aging		1,711.50	
County Dispatch		10,837.20	
Dog Officer Exp.		150.00	
Elections		1,100.00	
Employee Benefits			
Sick Leave		3,200.00	
Vacations, etc.		13,410.00	
Fires/Equipment		16,620.00	
Fire Protection		1,693.52	
Fire Truck Loan			
Principal		20,000.00	
Interest		2,790.00	
Fuel Expense Acct.			
Fire		750.00	
Highway/Ambulance		13,000.00	
Police		4,000.00	
Health Board		550.00	
Health District		12,051.20	
Heating Town Buildings		3,800.00	
Hepatitis Shots - Free Cash			4,300.00
Highway			
Grader Loan			
Principal		15,530.00	
Interest		279.99	
Machinery Maintenance Exp.		40,000.00	
New Plow/Sander - Fred Cross		16,000.00	
Super.'s Salary		29,450.00	
Historical Commission		200.00	
Inspector of Animals		150.00	
Insurance			
Public Offic. Liability		3,350.00	
Property, Liability, Fleet		23,500.00	
Interest on Loans		6,500.00	

Lifeguard - Free Cash			4,000.00
Medicare/Social Security		9,500.00	
Memorial Day		500.00	
Office Expenses		4,000.00	
Office Clerical		8,174.00	
Parks/Beach - Free Cash			3,900.00
Planning Bd. Expense		1,635.00	
Police Chief Salary		28,350.00	
Police Chief Holiday Pay		1,100.00	
Police Dept.		28,000.00	
Registrars of Voters		500.00	
Reserve Fund		10,000.00	
Retirement System		22,211.00	
Roads			
Gen. Highway - Chapter 81 (497)		65,000.00	
Winter Roads		65,000.00	
Schools			
Ashfield/Plainfield		366,619.00	
Mohawk Trail		425,162.93	
Sewer Design Supp. - Bor.	35,000.00		
Sewer Loan			
Principal		15,000.00	
Interest		1,288.90	
Soldiers' Graves		700.00	
Stabilization Fund - Free Cash			50,000.00
Street Lights		3,400.00	
Street Lists		450.00	
Tax Collector's Exp.		3,500.00	
Town Clerk's Exp.		645.00	
Town Counsel		7,500.00	
Town Hall, Maint.		4,000.00	
Town Hall - Fred Cross - Renovations		6,000.00	4,000.00
Town Officers			
Selectmen (Chairman)		1,000.00	
Selectmen (2 @ $800.00)		1,600.00	
Assessor (Chairman)		1,000.00	
Assessors (2 @ $800.00)		1,600.00	
Moderator		100.00	
Treasurer		4,000.00	
Tax Collector		4,000.00	
Town Clerk		3,000.00	
Fire Chief		600.00	
Dog Officer		400.00	
Board of Health (3 @ $300.00)		900.00	
School Com. Chairman		200.00	
School Com. (2 @ $150.00)		300.00	
Town Reports		2,000.00	
Transfer Station		55,000.00	
Hilltown Resource Mg.		5,100.00	
Treasurer's Exp.		1,000.00	

Tree Warden		3,000.00	
Unemployment Comp.		500.00	
Vet. Benefits		100.00	
Vet. Center		3,729.62	
Workmen's Comp.		13,750.00	
	$ 35,000.00	$ 1,545,329.20	$ 66,200.00

Special Town Meeting: September 8, 1992

Compactor (from Trans. Station)	$ 11,616.00		
Conservation Commission (Wetland Protection Fund)			$ 250.00
	$ 46,616.00		$ 66,450.00

Special Town Meeting: October 19, 1992

Sanderson Land Survey (Free Cash)			$ 1,000.00
	$ 46,616.00	$ 1,545,329.00	$ 67,450.00

ATTEST: LORRAINE GORDON
Town Clerk

Town Meeting Warrant

NOTE: This Warrant is for the voter's information only and changes, additions and/or deletions may occur prior to the posting of the Official Warrant.

FRANKLIN, §:

To any of the Constables of the Town of Ashfield in the County of Franklin, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Ashfield, on Saturday, the first of May next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator, Auditor, Treasurer, Town Clerk and Tree Warden, all for One year terms. A Selectman, Assessor, Two Finance Committee Members, a Sanderson School Committee Member, Board of Health Member and a Park Commissioner, all for three year terms. A Member of the Planning Board and a Library Trustee, each for a Five year term and to vote on the following override question: "Shall the Town of Ashfield be allowed to assess an additional $80,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding school operating expenses for which the monies from this assessment will be used for the fiscal year beginning July first, nineteen hundred and ninety-three?" Polls shall close at 6:00 p.m.

ARTICLE 2. To act on the reports of the Town Officers.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $45,000.00 to operate and maintain the Transfer Station and Recycling Facility, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,831.00 for the annual operational and administrative expenses of the Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative (HRMC), or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $65,000.00 in anticipation of partial

reimbursement under Chapter 81, Section 31 of the Mass. General Laws, as amended, and transfer into a General Highway Fund, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to borrow the sum of $152,827.00 for the maintenance, repair, improvement and construction of town roads, which amount shall be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through funds made available under Chapter 33, Acts of 1991, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $70,000.00 for Winter Roads, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of $60,000.00 from the Stabilization Fund to purchase a new dump truck, sander and plow for the Highway Department, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of any used Town Owned Equipment and/or property, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $40,000.00 for a Highway Equipment Maintenance account, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote one of the following options with respect to the Finance Committee:

a.) to amend the By-Laws with respect to the Finance Committee to read as follows: "The Finance Committee shall prepare the annual town budget to be presented at the Annual Town Meeting", or act relative thereto.

b.) to rescind Article 5, as voted at the April 1985 Annual Town Meeting, dissolving the Finance Committee as presently constituted, returning all of its responsibilities to the Assessors and Selectpersons, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote one of the following options relative to the annual town caucus:

a.) to rescind the vote of June 10, 1948, as amended by a town vote on January 19, 1983, to hold an annual caucus for the nomination of candidates for town offices.

b.) to change the day of holding the Town Caucus from "the seventh Tuesday prior to the Annual Town Meeting and

Election," as voted at the Special Meeting on January 19, 1983, to "a date which will meet the requirements of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 53, Section 7, as amended," or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to change the places for posting notices of Town Meetings from "the Ashfield Post Office and the South Ashfield Library," as voted at the Special Town Meeting on October 18, 1968, to "the Ashfield Post Office and the Town Hall."

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of $17,750.00 (Fire Dept., $750.00; Police Dept., $4,000.00; Ambulance and Highway, $13,000.00) to pay the fuel and oil costs for Town Vehicles, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the action taken to terminate Ashfield's membership in the Foothills Health District as of June 30, 1993 as voted under Article 14 at the Annual Town Meeting held on May 2, 1992 and, furthermore, to raise and appropriate the sum of $12,658.00 to pay the Town's share of the Fiscal 1994 cost of operating the Foothills Health District and the sum of $550.00 for the operating expenses of the Board of Health, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the following accounts:

Blue Cross/Blue Shield	$ 45,000.00
Employee Benefits:	
—Vacations, Holidays, etc.	12,000.00
—Sick Leave	3,200.00
Medicare	9,500.00
Retirement System	22,300.00
Unemployment Compensation	500.00
Workmen's Compensation	13,750.00
	$106,250.00

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to accept Section 48 of Chapter 133 of the Acts of 1992 providing for an early retirement incentive program for certain municipal employees or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the following accounts:

Bonds	$ 800.00
Care of Soldiers' Graves	700.00
Council on Aging	1,711.50
Civil Defense Expenses	150.00
Dog Officer Expenses	150.00
Elections	476.75
Heating Town Buildings	4,000.00
Inspector of Animals	150.00
Interest on Loans	6,500.00
Memorial Day	500.00
Office Expenses	4,000.00
Registrars of Voters	500.00
Street Lights	3,500.00
Street Lists	451.00
Town Counsel	7,500.00
Town Hall	4,000.00
Town Reports	2,000.00
Tree Warden	3,000.00
Veterans' Benefits	100.00
Veterans' Center	4,266.85
	$44,456.10

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the following accounts:

Administrative Assistant	$ 15,000.00
Accountant	7,000.00
Highway Superintendent's Salary	30,268.00
Police Chief's Salary	29,484.00
Police Chief's Holiday Pay	1,144.00
Town Officers	18,700.00
	$101,596.00

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from Available Funds in the Treasury such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the following accounts:

Accounting & Audit Service	$ 2,750.00
Appeals, Board of	360.00

Conservation Commission (Wetlands Fund)	350.00
Historical Commission	200.00
Insurance — Public Official Liability	3,350.00
Insurance — Property, Liability & Fleet	23,500.00
Tax Collector's Expenses	3,500.00
Town Clerk's Expenses	650.00
Planning Board Expenses	1,635.00
Treasurer's Expenses	1,000.00
	$37,295.00

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $19,700.00 for Assessors' Expenses, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $28,000.00 to be used for the general operations of the Police Department, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $11,379.06 to pay our share of the dispatching costs of the Franklin County Emergency Dispatch Center, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $16,620.00 for the general operations of the Fire Department, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $21,460.00 in order to pay $20,000.00 towards the principal ($40,000.00) and $1,460.00 of interest on the Fire Department Pumper/Tanker Loan, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to contract with the Ashfield Water District for the use of hydrants for fire protection and to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,693.52 for that purpose, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,091.25 in order to pay off the principal balance of $9,750.00 and interest of $341.25 on the Sewer Loan, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to accept an Equal Education Opportunity Grant for Fiscal Year 1993-1994 under the provisions of MGL Chapter 70A, Section 5, as inserted by Chapter 188 of the Acts of 1985. Said grant funds to be accepted without local matching funds and to be expended by the Ashfield Plainfield School District for direct expenditures.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $474,485.00 for the Fiscal 1994 Operating cost budget of the Ashfield Plainfield Regional School District, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to accept an Equal Education Opportunity Grant for Fiscal Year 1993-1994 under the provisions of MGL Chapter 70A, Section 5, as inserted by Chapter 188 of the Acts of 1985. Said grant funds to be accepted without local matching funds and to be expended by the Mohawk Trail Regional School District Committee for direct service expenditures.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $556,916.00 (Capital, $9,511.00; Operating, $454,882.00; Vocational Brokering, $92,523.00) to pay the Town's share of the Fiscal 1994 Capital, Operating and Vocational Brokering cost budget for the Mohawk Trail Regional School District, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $8,400.00 for the general operations of the Belding Memorial Library as well as to accept any other State or Federal Aid, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $7,900.00; the sum of $3,900.00 to be used for Park & Beach operations and maintenance and the sum of $4,000.00 to pay for a Lifeguard and Swimming Instruction for the Town Beach, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000.00 for a Reserve Fund, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $15,262.62 to pay Ashfield's share of the Franklin County Cooperative Inspector Program, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to gratefully acknowledge receipt of the 1992 Ambulance Earnings & Gifts in the amount of $5,982.60 deposited in the Ambulance Maintenance Fund to be used to maintain and equip the Town Ambulance, or act relative thereto.



TOWN of ASHFIELD

MASSACHUSETTS



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REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Stephen Kulik, Worthington
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Boston, Massachusetts 02133

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Mary L. Forbes, Greenfield
Term expires January, 1995

Margaret Striebel, Chairman, Gill
Term expires January, 1997

John J. Stobierski, Whately
Term expires January, 1997

Town Officers

The Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors hold regular weekly meetings every Monday evening at the Town Offices in the Town Hall from 7: 30 p.m. - 9: 30 p.m.

MODERATOR
RICHARD M. EVANS

AUDITOR
SANDRA E. LILLY

1 yr. terms

TOWN CLERK
ANNE YURYAN

TREASURER
JANET M. SWEM

TREE WARDEN
ROBERT A. LAPOINTE

TAX COLLECTOR 3 yr. term

MARIAN C. FITZGERALD	Term expires 1994

BOARD OF SELECTMEN 3 yr. term

JOHN L. MATTIS, Chr.	Term expires 1994
DONALD L. ROBINSON	Term expires 1995
BILL PERLMAN	Term expires 1996

BOARD OF ASSESSORS 3 yr. term

PETER H. WIITANEN, Chr.	Term expires 1994
LAURA B. ARRUDA	Term expires 1995
LEONARD H. ROBERTS	Term expires 1996

FINANCE COMMITTEE 3 yr. term

THOMAS G. CRANSTON, Chr.	Term expires 1995
DALE A. KIRKPATRICK	Term expires 1995
PRISCILLA L. PHELPS (resigned 7/1/93)	Term expires 1996
CYNTHIA R. CLARKE	Term expires 1994
THOMAS S. CARTER (app't. 12/13/93)	Appt. expires 1994
PHILIP E. PLESS	Term expires 1996

SANDERSON SCHOOL COMMITTEE 3 yr. term

DAVID W. MAGEE III, Chr.	Term expires 1996
ABIGAIL A. WILSON	Term expires 1994
STEVEN A. SAUTER	Term expires 1995

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE 3 yr. term

THOMAS ULRICH	Term expires 1995

ABIGAIL A. WILSON, Representative from Ashfield

BOARD OF HEALTH 3 yr. term

DUNCAN B. COLTER	Term expires 1996
HARRY L. DODSON	Term expires 1994
THOMAS S. LEUE, Chr.	Term expires 1995

CONSTABLES 3 yr. term

JOHN A. LaBELLE	Term expires 1995
STEVEN W. GREENMAN	Term expires 1995
GARY M. SIBILIA (resigned 11/1/93)	Term expires 1995

PARK COMMISSIONERS 3 yr. term

ROBERT W. GRAHAM, Chr.	Term expires 1995
HOLLY M. TIRRELL	Term expires 1994
ROBERT M. LEVENSON	Term expires 1996

PLANNING BOARD 5 yr. term

GRACE E. LESURE	Term expires 1998
MARK P. SPEES, Chr.	Term expires 1994
ANNE YURYAN	Term expires 1995
JOEL ARSENAULT (resigned 4/1/93)	Term expires 1996
WALTER CUDNOHUFSKY	Term expires 1997
ALDEN J. GRAY (app't. 6/21/93)	Appt. expires 1994

LIBRARY TRUSTEES 5 yr. term

DIANA M. BENNETT	Term expires 1998
D. TIERTZA LEAH SCHWARTZ, Chr.	Term expires 1994
HELENE G. LEUE	Term expires 1995
ELLEN M. MILLER	Term expires 1996
MELINDA J. GOUGEON (resigned 8/11/93)	Term expires 1997
VICTORIA E. YOSHEN (app't. 11/15/93)	Appt. expires 1994

The following offices are filled by appointment:

BOARD OF APPEALS

M. DIANNE MULLER	June 1996
CLAYTON C. CRAFT	June 1994
STUART A. HARRIS, Assoc.	June 1994
JOHN F. McNIFF, Chr.	June 1995
KENNETH A. LILLY, Assoc.	June 1995

ARTS COUNCIL

STEVEN P. SMITHERS	June 1996
ELICE D. PIEROPAN	June 1996
J. WILLIAM HOTH, Chr.	June 1994
BEVERLY K. DUNCAN	June 1994
JANINE S. MAHNKEN	June 1994
SUSAN R. McGOWAN	June 1994
JOHN B. WERNER	June 1994

ASHFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION

ELIZABETH B. BEEBE	June 1996
RUTH J. CRAFT	June 1996
RICHARD H. TURNER	June 1994
MARGARET S. KEITH (app't. 7/12/93)	June 1995
SUSAN R. McGOWAN	June 1995
ANNE YURYAN (resigned 7/1/93)	June 1995

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

RICHARD G. MULLER, JR., Chr.	June 1995
STEPHEN G. TILLEY	June 1996
DANIEL R. PHELPS	June 1994
DONALD N. LESURE	June 1994
WILLIAM R. FITZGERALD	June 1996

COUNCIL ON AGING

CASSANDRA B. NAWROCKI	June 1993
SYLVIA MONK, Chr.	June 1994
GEORGE C. MONK	June 1995
SALLY G. STRAUSS	June 1995

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT BOARD

THOMAS A. McCRUMM, Chr.	June 1994
DOUGLAS A. CRANSON (app't. 11/93)	June 1996

AMERICANS with DISABILITY ACT COMMITTEE

RICHARD H. TURNER, JR.	DIANA M. BENNETT
MARGARET A. McGUIRE	JAMES A. CAIN
AARON W. CLARK	LINDA M. VAN GUILDER

YOUTH COMMISSION

ALYSON L. PATCH, Chr.	ROBERT W. GRAHAM
THOMAS A. McCRUMM	ALLISON E. PAGE
RUTH J. CRAFT	KATHERINE O. ARVIDSON

MARGARET A. McGUIRE

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

HELEN BOYDEN	ANDREA SEARS
NOAH GORDON	Rev. BETH LONG
PETER ELENOIS	JEAN FERRIS

RAYMOND G. REDFERN

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

SUSAN A. GAMBINO	RUTH J. CRAFT
ANNE YURYAN	JANICE W. SCOTT

SEWER CONNECTION COMMITTEE

ELEANOR M. WARD	BRUCE A. BENNETT

PHILIP F. NOLAN, JR.

AMBULANCE SERVICE
DOUGLAS MOLLISON, Director

CHIEF OF POLICE
RAYMOND G. REDFERN

FIRE CHIEF & FOREST WARDEN
DOUGLAS M. FIELD

BUILDING INSPECTOR PROGRAM
VICTOR STALEY, Building Inspector

WIRING INSPECTION PROGRAM
EDWARD F. MARCHEFKA, Wiring Inspector

PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTION PROGRAM
PAULIN J. BUKOWSKI, Plumbing & Gas Inspector

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR	**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**
CARMEN J. DeLUCA, JR.	LESLIE C. LADD

VETERAN'S AGENT
EUGENE E. BALAZS

BURIAL AGENT, ACTING
RALPH E. TOWNSLEY

DOG OFFICER
WARREN KIRKPATRICK

ASSISTANT DOG OFFICER
TODD W. KIRKPATRICK

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS
KIM L. REARDON

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
ALBERT J. CORMIER

FIELD DRIVERS
E. WILL HEISER
ROLAND E. TOWNSLEY

FENCE VIEWERS
ALDEN J. GRAY

SURVEYOR OF WOOD & LUMBER
RAMON R. SEARS

FREDERICK W. WELLS TRUSTEE
DOUGLAS A. CHANDLER — May 1996

CARL NILMAN SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
EDWIN P. NYE — September 1995

Select Board Annual Report

The dominating concern of the Select Board during the past twelve months has been the wastewater treatment project. Many meetings with the Department of Environmental Protection and the Attorney General's office have produced what we think is a workable consent judgement, setting forth a timetable for the building of the project.

After many meetings with the Board of Health, along with hours of discussions and visitations to various types of treatment plants, we felt comfortable with the overwhelming decision of the town in its 187-2 vote to use innovative solar aquatic technology.

DEP has required extensive testing of the proposed site for the wastewater treatment plant to determine whether or not the ground can handle resulting effluent. Of course, the hydro-geological testing was performed during the coldest parts of the winter.

The design phase has begun and, provided all goes well, the Town should have a functioning system on line by May of 1996.

The abundance of snow has certainly kept the highway department busy. Les Ladd and crew are to be commended for their Herculean effort at keeping our roads passable during this record setting snow season. They have had plenty of opportunity to put the new highway truck and sander to good use.

Passage of the Educational Reform Act and the creation of the new K-12 Regional School District created fiscal havoc for the towns in the district in FY '94. We hope our new school committee will have an easier time preparing an FY '95 budget and that our children will benefit from this new alliance. We are grateful for the perseverance of our dedicated school committee members who have guided the Town through this period.

Reports of life-threatening, anti-semitic phone calls during the year caused anguish and outrage. The Select Board responded to this need by initiating the formation of a Human Relations Council. We are pleased that several individuals have come forward to serve in this capacity.

Last year, to address young people's needs, a Youth Commission was organized. This trial program, led by an inspired Peg McGuire, was a great success; so much so that we plan to continue the program.

After many meetings with Franklin County Dispatch and the State Police, the Board decided to participate in the State Police E-911 emergency dispatching program which is expected to be on line by July 1, 1994. This decision should provide a savings to the Town. We hope that it will work as well as County Dispatch, which has served us well for the past several years.

There are two key new faces around Town due to the retirement of Eleanor Ward and our former Chief's decision to move on to "greener pastures." We welcome a new Police Chief, Ray Redfern, and a new Administrative Assistant to the Select Board, Priscilla Phelps.

We wish to thank the Belding Memorial Park Commissioners for the countless hours spent keeping the park a place to be proud of. The attractive new signs and flags which are visible at the entrance to Main Street and the Park set a friendly tone.

In the coming year we hope to accomplish renovations to the Town Hall. With the assistance of volunteers and town organizations, we must work to make the building handicap accessible so that we can continue the tradition of fully utilizing the Town Hall, which serves as the heart of Town activities.

We thank every board for faithful and dedicated work. We are grateful for all the folks, new and old, who continue to step forward in the true spirit of community and volunteerism, which we are happy to report is alive and well in Ashfield.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. MATTIS, **Chair**
DONALD L. ROBINSON
BILL PERLMAN
Select Board

Town Auditor's Report

I have examined the books and have found them to be in accordance with general accepted accounting rules and regulations.

SANDRA E. LILLY
Town Auditor

Financial Statement

July 1, 1992 - June 30, 1993

Balance forward, 7/1/92		$ 4,774.40
Earnings, Gifts & interest		6,707.63
		$ 11,482.03
Ambulance maint.	$ 1,396.49	
Medical equipment	2,227.97	
Insurance	1,248.00	
Radios & repairs	1,474.55	
Supplies	144.16	
License	135.00	
	$ 6,626.17	
Ambulance Fund Total		$ 4,855.86

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/ACCOUNTANT

Appropriation		$ 28,000.00
Eleanor M. Ward	$ 28,000.00	

ASSESSORS' EXPENSES

Appropriation		$ 19,700.00
Office supplies	$ 278.30	
Registry of Deeds	139.75	
Muriel Cranson, Clerk	13,000.93	
Dues & postage	160.00	
Tax map updates	1,720.60	
Dues, seminars, meetings	319.00	
Computer programs & maint.	3,000.00	
Tax bills	343.76	
Sales analysis	125.00	
	$ 19,087.34	
Balance to General Fund		$ 612.66

AUDIT & ACCOUNTING

Appropriation		$ 2,750.00
SCANCO & Assoc.	$ 2,750.00	

BELDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Appropriation		$ 8,400.00
Belding Memorial Library	$ 8,400.00	

BLUE CROSS - BLUE SHIELD

Appropriation		$ 45,000.00
Expended	$ 33,206.56	
Balance to General Fund		$ 11,793.44

BOARD OF APPEALS

Appropriation		$ 360.00
Dues	$ 50.00	
Supplies	5.75	
Advertising	24.40	
Secretarial	120.00	
	$ 200.15	
Balance to General Fund		$ 159.85

BONDS

Appropriation		$ 800.00
Expended	$ 787.50	
Balance to General Fund		$ 12.50

CARE OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES

Appropriation		$ 700.00
Burial Ground Assoc.	$ 700.00	

CHAPTER 15 CONSTRUCTION - FY90

Balance forward		$ 29,540.08
Transfers, Special Town Meeting, 03/22/93		11,357.84
		$ 40,897.92
Hired equipment	$ 11,164.05	
Payroll	5,988.89	
Culverts	2,587.38	
Guardrails	299.50	
Paving materials	4,838.15	
Stone & gravel	3,861.53	
Blasting	500.00	
Line painting	384.58	
	$ 29,624.08	
Balance forward		$ 11,273.84

CHAPTER 33 CONSTRUCTION - 1991 Bond Issue

State share		$ 152,826.00
Payroll	$ 365.55	
Hired equipment	3,280.50	
Asphalt	6,309.90	
RRG & gravel	1,154.15	
Guardrails	5,887.56	
Drainage pipe & supplies	186.08	
	$ 17,183.74	
Balance forward		$ 135,642.26

CHAPTER 133 CONSTRUCTION

State Share		$ 61,297.00
Hired equipment	$ 10,454.78	
Payroll	4,511.56	
Culverts	1,819.89	
Stone & gravel	3,170.84	
Supplies	15.00	

Bituminous concrete	34,156.26	
MC 3000	7,798.67	
	$ 61,927.00	

CHAPTER 497 - GENERAL HIGHWAY

Balance forward		$ 5,222.89
Appropriation		65,000.00
		$ 70,222.89
Payroll	$ 29,891.89	
Hired equipment	9,540.25	
Gravel	13,003.80	
Paving materials	9,388.52	
Mowing	3,000.00	
Traffic signs	398.20	
TRG & rip-rap	885.58	
Paving & line painting	1,751.42	
Culverts & pipes	1,022.30	
	$ 68,881.96	
Balance forward		$ 1,340.93

STRAP GRANT - Baptist Corner Road

Balance forward		$ 64,772.47
Interest earned		2,156.39
		$ 66,928.86
Payroll	$ 5,456.86	
Gravel	13,349.31	
Culverts	7,257.49	
Supplies	145.58	
Cinder blocks	1,453.60	
Blasting	431.82	
Hired equipment	10,147.50	
	$ 38,242.16	
Balance forward		$ 28,686.70

CIVIL DEFENSE

Balance forward		$ 53.68
Appropriation		150.00
		$ 203.68
Supplies	$ 199.55	
Balance forward		$ 4.13

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Appropriation		$ 100.00
Special Town Meeting, 09/08/92 (Wetlands Fund)		250.00
		$ 350.00
Supplies	$ 138.09	
Dues	75.00	
Advertisements	32.03	
	$ 245.12	
Balance to Wetlands Fund		$ 104.88

FRANKLIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE INSPECTOR PROGRAM

Appropriation		$ 18,330.34
FCCBIP	$ 18,330.34	

COUNCIL ON AGING

Appropriation		$ 1,711.50
Shelburne Senior Center	$ 1,711.50	

FRANKLIN COUNTY EMERGENCY DISPATCH CENTER

Appropriation		$ 10,837.20
Emergency Dispatch Center	$ 10,837.20	

DOG OFFICER EXPENSES

Appropriation		$ 150.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		81.38
		$ 231.38
Equipment	$ 87.24	
Office supplies	36.14	
Veterinarian expenses	108.00	
	$ 231.38	

ELECTIONS

Appropriations		$ 1,100.00
State Reimbursement		174.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		105.95
		$ 1,379.95
Election officers	$ 1,022.95	
Ballots	357.00	
	$ 1,379.95	

EMERGENCY SERVICES - HEPATITIS SHOTS

Appropriation		$ 4,300.00
Expended	$ 4,214.00	
Balance to General Fund		$ 86.00

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS - VACATIONS, PERSONAL DAYS & HOLIDAYS

Appropriation		$ 13,410.00
Expended	$ 13,110.01	
Balance to General Fund		$ 299.99

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS - SICK LEAVE

Balance forward		$ 6,545.46
Appropriation		3,200.00
		$ 9,745.46
Expended	$ 8,576.24	
Balance forward		$ 1,169.22

FIRES & EQUIPMENT

Appropriation		$ 16,620.00
Supplies & equipment	$ 1,740.36	
Telephone	452.46	
Radios	1,800.00	
Insurance	1,248.00	
New equipment	1,299.84	
Replacement equipment	524.82	
Dues, training & mileage	445.70	
Alarm system maintenance	174.00	
Truck repairs	1,687.18	
Electrical	1,271.76	
Uniforms	233.40	
Building maintenance	481.88	
Payroll	4,933.50	
	$ 16,292.90	
Balance to General Fund		$ 327.10

FIRE PROTECTION

Appropriation		$ 1,693.52
Ashfield Water District	$ 1,693.52	

FOOTHILLS HEALTH DISTRICT

Appropriation		$ 12,051.20
Expended	$ 12,051.20	

FUEL & OIL EXPENSES

Appropriation		$ 17,750.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		1,500.00
		$ 19,250.00
Expended - Fire Department	$ 609.44	
Expended - Police Department	3,211.58	
Expended - Highway Department	13,937.29	
	$ 17,758.32	
Balance to General Fund		$ 1,491.69

BOARD OF HEALTH

Appropriation		$ 550.00
Ashfield Lake testing	$ 60.00	
Office supplies	98.40	
Dues	90.00	
	$ 248.40	
Balance to General Fund		$ 301.60

HEATING TOWN BUILDINGS

Appropriation		$ 3,800.00
Fire Station	$ 2,251.97	
Town Hall	1,336.71	
	$ 3,588.68	
Balance to General Fund		$ 211.32

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - PLOW & SANDER

Appropriation		$ 16,000.00
ZWACK, Inc.	$ 12,370.00	
Balance to General Fund		$ 3,630.00

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY

Appropriation		$ 29,450.00
Leslie C. Ladd	$ 29,450.00	

HILLTOWN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COOPERATIVE

Appropriation		$ 5,100.00
Expended	$ 5,100.00	

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Appropriation		$ 200.00
Town Hall Concerts	$ 150.00	
Balance to General Fund		$ 50.00

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Appropriation		$ 150.00
Kim Reardon	$ 150.00	

INSURANCE - PUBLIC OFFICIAL'S LIABILITY

Appropriation		$ 3,350.00
P-Z Massamont	$ 3,150.00	
Balance to General Fund		$ 200.00

INSURANCE - TOWN BUILDINGS

Appropriation		$ 23,500.00
Dividends credited from MIIA		6,986.00
Reimbursements - school		2,992.00
- library		136.00
		$ 33,614.00
Transfer to Chapter 15	$ 5,000.00	
Transfer to Youth Program	4,000.00	
P-Z Massamont	23,151.00	
	$ 32,151.00	
Balance to General Fund		$ 1,463.00

INTEREST ON LOANS

Appropriation		$ 6,500.00
Expended	$ 5,841.07	
Balance to General Fund		$ 658.93

PRINCIPAL & INTEREST - FIRE TRUCK LOAN

Appropriation		$ 22,790.00
Expended	$ 22,790.00	

PRINCIPAL & INTEREST - GRADER LOAN

Appropriation		$ 15,809.99
Expended	$ 15,809.99	

PRINCIPAL & INTEREST - SEWER LOAN

Appropriation		$ 16,288.90
Expended	$ 16,288.90	

LIFEGUARD & SWIMMING INSTRUCTION

Appropriation		$ 4,000.00
Lifeguards	$ 3,018.75	
Swimming instruction	351.00	
	$ 3,369.75	
Balance to General Fund		$ 630.25

MACHINERY EXPENSES

Appropriation		$ 40,000.00
Parts & repairs	$ 11,513.76	
Uniforms	998.40	
Telephone	619.77	
Radio repairs	431.30	
Building maintenance	220.57	
Electricity	1,269.79	
Supplies	1,356.72	
Heating	305.98	
Tires	3,941.74	
Mechanic	16,514.41	
Dues & meetings	145.96	
Motor oil	250.93	
Plow blades	2,375.40	
	$ 39,944.73	
Balance to General Fund		$ 55.27

MEDICARE & SOCIAL SECURITY

Appropriation		$ 9,500.00
Expended	$ 7,190.62	
Balance to General Fund		$ 2,309.38

MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation		$ 500.00
Expended	$ 333.70	
Balance to General Fund		$ 166.30

OFFICE CLERICAL

Appropriation		$ 8,174.00
Peter M. Johnson	$ 8,174.00	

OFFICE EXPENSES

Appropriation		$ 4,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		258.99
		$ 4,258.99
Supplies	$ 385.04	
Dues & meetings	604.94	
Photocopier - repairs & supplies	628.20	
Postage	261.72	

Telephone	745.45	
Advertising	328.49	
Computer maintenance	500.00	
Law updates	625.15	
Expenses for parade float	180.00	
	$ 4,258.99	

OPEN SPACE STUDY

Balance forward		$ 200.00
Balance to General Fund		$ 200.00

PARKS & BEACH

Appropriation		$ 3,900.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		12.65
		$ 3,912.65
Electricity	$ 521.11	
Telephone	273.66	
Tennis courts	107.50	
Advertising & supplies	58.94	
Repairs & new equipment	550.43	
Beach sand	450.00	
Dock repair	200.00	
Mowing & trash removal	1,606.75	
Water	144.26	
	$ 3,912.65	

PLANNING BOARD

Appropriation		$ 1,635.00
Secretarial	$ 785.75	
Advertising	54.26	
Postage & supplies	28.80	
	$ 868.81	
Balance to General Fund		$ 766.19

POLICE CHIEF'S SALARY

Appropriation		$ 28,350.00
Gary M. Sibilia	$ 28,350.00	

POLICE CHIEF'S HOLIDAY PAY

Appropriation		$ 1,100.00
Gary M. Sibilia	$ 990.00	
Balance to General Fund		$ 110.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		$ 28,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		4.01
		$ 28,004.01
Payroll	$ 17,214.16	
Equipment	831.62	
Uniforms	619.22	
Radios & repairs	1,145.71	

Insurance	2,425.00	
Dues	155.00	
Meetings	214.00	
Telephone	1,448.12	
Tires	79.07	
Training	237.20	
Postage & supplies	536.51	
Cruiser maintenance	3,098.00	
	$ 28,004.01	

POLICE DEPARTMENT CRUISER

Appropriation (Stabilization Fund)		$ 11,000.00
Special Town Meeting, 04/12/93		
Mirak Chevrolet	$ 11,000.00	

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Appropriation		$ 500.00
Expended	$ 500.00	

FRANKLIN COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEM - MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		$ 22,211.00
Expended	$ 22,211.00	

RESERVE FUND

Appropriation		$ 10,000.00
Tree Warden	$ 256.70	
Treasurer's Expenses	210.00	
Fuel Account - Highway	1,500.00	
Dog Officer Expenses	81.38	
Sewage Treatment Design	304.14	
Office Expenses	258.99	
Police Department	4.01	
Parks & Beach	12.65	
Elections	105.95	
	$ 2,733.82	
Balance to General Fund		$ 7,266.18

ASHFIELD PLAINFIELD REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Appropriation		$ 366,619.00
Expended	$ 366,619.00	

SURVEY - SCHOOL PROPERTIES

Appropriation (Free Cash)		$ 1,000.00
Special Town Meeting, 10/19/92		
Expended	$ 1,000.00	

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Appropriation		$ 425,162.93
Expended	$ 425,162.93	

SEWAGE TREATMENT DESIGN

Balance forward		$ 501.66
Transfer from Reserve Fund		304.14
Public Hearing Expenses		$ 805.80
Authority to Borrow		$ 35,000.00
Engineering design	$ 34,964.22	
Balance to General Fund		$ 35.78

STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation		$ 3,400.00
Expended	$ 3,265.40	
Balance to General Fund		$ 134.60

STREET LISTS

Appropriation		$ 450.00
School Census Reimbursement		250.00
		$ 700.00
Street Listing	$ 500.00	
Computer Data Entry	200.00	
	$ 700.00	

TAX COLLECTOR'S EXPENSES

Appropriation		$ 3,500.00
Supplies	$ 293.70	
Tax bills	442.40	
Typewriter repair	56.74	
Dues	35.00	
Tax taking expenses	352.75	
Telephone & postage	1,422.09	
Computer maintenance	500.00	
Computer course	240.00	
	$ 3,342.68	
Balance to General Fund		$ 157.32

TOWN CLERK'S EXPENSES

Appropriation		$ 645.00
Postage & supplies	$ 242.14	
Dues & meetings	40.00	
Box rent	21.50	
Computer maintenance	200.00	
	$ 503.64	
Balance to General Fund		$ 141.36

TOWN COUNSEL

Appropriation		$ 7,500.00
Trudel, Barry & MacNicol	$ 6,409.55	
Balance to General Fund		$ 1,090.45

TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		$ 4,000.00
Festival Reimbursement		200.00
		$ 4,200.00
Janitor	$ 1,605.24	
Supplies	410.04	
Electricity	1,289.82	
Plowing & mowing	342.00	
Water	169.44	
Misc. repairs	254.75	
	$ 4,071.29	
Balance to General Fund		$ 128.71

TOWN HALL RENOVATIONS

Balance forward		$ 262.03
Appropriation ($4,000 from Fred Cross Fund)		10,000.00
		$ 10,262.03
Painting	$ 1,658.68	
Balance forward		$ 8,603.35

TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriation		$ 18,700.00
Expended	$ 18,700.00	

TOWN REPORTS

Appropriation		$ 2,000.00
Printing	$ 1,456.95	
Delivery	125.00	
	$ 1,581.95	
Balance to General Fund		$ 418.05

TRANSFER STATION

Appropriation		$ 55,000.00
Transfer to Compactor Account		-11,616.00
Special Town Meeting, 09/08/92		$ 43,384.00
Recycling	$ 6,137.50	
Payroll	6,602.40	
Telephone	222.81	
Electricity	446.39	
Hauling - Comm. Disposal	6,882.00	
Tipping fees	18,453.05	
Bags, stickers & supplies	2,268.00	
Installation of compactor	886.55	
	$ 41,898.70	
Balance to General Fund		$ 1,485.30

TRANSFER STATION COMPACTOR PURCHASE

Transfer from Transfer Station Account		$ 11,616.00
Special Town Meeting, 09/08/92		
New England Equipment	$ 11,271.75	
Balance to General Fund		$ 344.25

TREASURER'S EXPENSES

Appropriation		$ 1,000.00
Reserve Fund		210.00
		$ 1,210.00
Postage	$ 430.50	
Supplies	253.25	
Service charges	385.50	
Filing fees	80.00	
Dues	35.00	
	$ 1,184.25	
Balance to General Fund		$ 25.75

TREE WARDEN

Appropriation		$ 3,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		256.70
		$ 3,256.70
Bob's Tree Service	$ 3,230.50	
Supplies	26.20	
	$ 3,256.70	

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

Appropriation	$ 500.00
Balance to General Fund	$ 500.00

VETERANS' BENEFITS

Appropriation	$ 100.00
Balance to General Fund	$ 100.00

VETERAN'S CENTER

Appropriation		$ 3,729.62
Expended	$ 3,729.62	

WINTER ROADS

Appropriation		$ 65,000.00
Special Town Meeting, 03/22/93 (Free Cash)		10,000.00
		$ 75,000.00
Chloride	$ 156.00	
Sand	19,630.63	
Salt	13,523.32	
Payroll	42,078.92	
Hired equipment	5,790.00	
Gravel	336.00	
Cold Patch	102.60	
	$ 81,617.47	
Accounts receivable due from FEMA		$ 6,617.47

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Appropriation		$ 13,750.00
MIIA dividends credited to Prop. Ins.		-6,986.00
		$ 6,764.00
Transfer to Chapter 15	$ 6,357.84	
Special Town Meeting, 3/22/93		
MIIA	238.00	
	$ 6,595.84	
Balance to General Fund		$ 168.16

YOUTH PILOT PROGRAM

Transfer from Insur./Town Buildings		$ 4,000.00
Special Town Meeting, 3/22/93		
Advertising	$ 26.02	
Director's Wages	1,000.00	
	$ 1,026.02	
Balance forward		$ 2,973.98

Tax Collector's Report

All delinquent accounts have been turned over to the town Attorney to be put into Tax Title, if arrangements for payment have not been made.

The system of marking delinquent motor vehicle excise bills by the Registry of Motor Vehicles is working. The Registry will not issue a new license or registration if you owe excise or parking tickets, until all bills are paid. The Town turns all unpaid bills of over 60 days to the Deputy Collector who has a direct hookup to the Registry.

Unpaid bills as of June 30, 1993

PERSONAL PROPERTY		
1993	$ 4,008.96	
1992	2,037.12	
1991	1,710.74	
1987-90	3,258.23	$ 11,015.25
REAL ESTATE		
1993	$77,416.24	
1992	27,536.13	
1991	9,570.28	
1985-90	3,994.13	$118,516.78
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE		
1993	$ 39,218.25	
1992	20,637.14	
1991	1,687.41	
1990	1,432.65	
1976-89	2,554.60	$ 65,530.05
FARM EXCISE		
1992	$ 971.15	
FOREST PRODUCTS		
1991	$ 308.00	

MARIAN C. FITZGERALD
Tax Collector

Town Clerk's Report

VITAL STATISTICS
January 1, 1993 - December 31, 1993

Births	
Females	10
Males	12
Total	22
Marriages	
Residents	7
Non-residents	2
Total	9
Deaths	
Females	3
Males	4
Total	7

ELECTIONS
January 1, 1993 - December 31, 1993

Annual Town Election	May 1, 1993	
326 Votes Cast		1,097 Registered Voters
Special Ballot Election	June 30, 1993	
331 Votes Cast		1,097 Registered Voters
Special State Primary	September 14, 1993	
309 Votes Cast		1,070 Registered Voters
Special State Election	October 12, 1993	
313 Votes Cast		1,073 Registered Voters

DOG LICENSES ISSUED
January 1, 1993 - December 31, 1993

188	Males @ $3.00	$ 564.00
17	Females @ $6.00	102.00
204	Spayed Females @ $3.00	612.00
6	Kennels @ $10.00	60.00
1	Kennel @ $25.00	25.00
0	Transfers @ $0.25	0.00
	Fees Retained	312.00
	Paid to Town Treasurer	$1,051.00

FISH & GAME LICENSES ISSUED
January 1, 1993 - December 31, 1993

22	Resident fishing @ $12.50	$ 275.00
2	Resident fishing (65-69) @ $6.25	12.50
2	Resident fishing (Over 70)	Free
7	Resident hunting @ $12.50	87.50

1	Non-resident hunting (big game) @ $48.50	48.50
12	Resident sporting @ $19.50	234.00
3	Resident sporting (65-69) @ $9.75	29.25
11	Resident sporting (Over 70)	Free
1	Duplicate sporting @ $2.00	$2.00
8	Archery/primitive firearms stamps @ $5.10	40.80
1	Massachusetts waterfowl stamps @ $5.00	5.00
46	Wildlands conservation stamps (res.) @ $5.00	230.00
1	Wildlands conservation stamps (non-res.) @ $5.00	5.00
	Total	$ 969.55
	Fees retained	24.05
	Paid to Commonwealth of Massachusetts	$ 945.50

Respectfully submitted,

ANNE YURYAN, **Town Clerk**

Ashfield Burial Ground Association

Supplemental to Town Clerk's Report

BURIALS in Ashfield Cemeteries
January 1, 1993 - December 31, 1993

	Date of Death	Date of Burial
HILL CEMETERY		
Richard F. Hall	01/11/93	05/23/93
Ralph L. Howes	04/27/93	05/02/93
BELDINGVILLE CEMETERY		
Simone M. (Steigiemann) Chase	12/11/92	05/17/93
PLAIN CEMETERY		
Henry Warger	05/11/93	05/14/93
Harrington W. Kelley	05/21/93	05/24/93
Elmer E. Lesure	11/24/92	05/29/93
Ellen Grace (Chiz) Kevitkauskas	11/25/92	05/30/93
Dorothy Abel	05/24/90	06/27/93
Clint W. Fraiser	09/14/82	06/27/93
Katherine (Abel) Fraiser	/91	06/27/93
Walter G. O'Donnell	07/24/93	07/29/93
Catherine (Graves) Tiffany Collins	03/05/93	7/31/93
Joseph A. Valerio III	09/11/93	09/14/93
Sylvia A. (Roberts) White Gray	09/22/93	09/25/93
Irene (Howes) Lanoue	10/17/93	10/25/93
Charles A. Stroheker	10/28/93	11/06/93
Madeline (Pollen) Holich	12/15/93	12/18/93

from Ashfield Burial Ground Association Records

RALPH TOWNSLEY
Burial Agent

Ashfield Fire Department

It is my pleasure to give you the Fire Department annual report. 1993 was a very busy year. We have new members: Bill Perlman, E.J. Brennan, Karen Schlicter, Mike Churchill, Jim Rice, David Christenson, Pam Donovan, and Steve Barry. We have had some leave, but we maintain a roster of 30 men and women, plus our Auxiliary members.

Our 1990 pumper/tanker is serving the town well. It functions well at home and at Mutual-Aid calls. Our other two trucks are old, 1956 and 1976. The 1976 truck is rusting and the tank leaks. We hope to replace it in 1994, with your help. Our level of efficiency will improve and the level of repairs will diminish.

At this time, we, myself and all members of the fire department, would like to welcome our new Police Chief Ray Redfern and his family to Ashfield. We are looking forward to continued cooperation between our departments.

Every year, The Firemen's Association returns money they raised to the town in some way, and this year was no exception. They continue to support the Little League and Pee Wee League by paying insurance costs; they bought 2 pagers, Public Safety Booklets that were passed out at school and at fall festival for a total of $1,600.00 plus flowers to members who have been ill or had loved ones pass away.

The following are the 1993 Fire Department responses: 53 calls total.

Structure Fires	9	Investigations	4
Chimney Fires	12	Hazardous Material Spills	3
Auto Accidents	9	Lost Persons	2
Auto Fires	3	False Alarms	2
Brush Fires	6		

We had 1 Mutual-Aid call to each of the following towns: Conway, Plainfield, Hawley and Buckland.

Most runs were in December.
Most calls were on Thursdays.
The most times were between 12:00 Noon and 3:00 p.m.
Between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.: 12 times.
Sundays: 8 times.

Inspections by Chief: 98, for gas, oil, smoke detectors and schools.

In closing, I'd like to thank the townspeople, the Selectmen and their office personnel for the support given the Fire Department in 1993. I'd also like to thank the Firemen and women who were available in time of need and for all the time they gave to the town and its residents.

DOUGLAS M. FIELD
Ashfield Fire Chief

Western Franklin Veterans' Service Center

During the past fiscal year we were called upon to provide veterans' benefits to two veterans and their families. The money was used to provide aid as follows:
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Ordinary Benefits	$956.50
Fuel	27.00
Total	$983.50

The towns which provided this aid will be reimbursed 75% by the State and are as follows:

Buckland	$420.00
Shelburne	563.50
Total	$983.50

Thirty veterans passed away during the year and the Center assisted the survivors with their VA claims for Burial Benefits, Flags, Grave markers, Pensions and Compensation to which they are legally entitled.

Some of the many on-going services to veterans are — help to complete all Veterans Administration claim forms and provide assistance to all veterans and their dependents in connection with their claims under Federal Programs and preparation of Tax Abatement Forms for veterans with service — connected disabilities.

Three meetings were held this year with various representatives from the ten towns to discuss the over-all program.

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE E. BALAZS
Director/Veterans' Agent

Western Franklin Veterans' Service Center
Treasurer's Annual Report

Balance July 1, 1992 - United Savings Bank	$ 1,373.85
Receipts:	
Town of Ashfield	$ 3,729.62
Town of Buckland	3,397.21
Town of Charlemont	2,159.26
Town of Colrain	3,386.11
Town of Conway	3,214.35
Town of Hawley	637.96
Town of Heath	1,791.20

Town of Monroe	368.86	
Town of Plainfield	1,766.66	
Town of Shelburne	4,097.68	
Flags & Markers	1,543.92	
Checking Interest	141.85	
Federal Withholdings	4,597.92	
State Withholdings	1,560.00	
Retirement	854.26	
Medicare	270.24	
	$33,517.10	$33,517.10
		$34,890.95
Payments:		
Eugene E. Balazs	$18,640.08	
Treasurers Salary	500.00	
Town of Shelburne Rent	1,950.00	
Telephone	424.14	
Office Expense	283.25	
Dues & Subscriptions	30.00	
Advertising	73.48	
Flags & Markers	1,713.94	
Treasurers Bond	50.00	
Retirement Assessment	1,980.00	
Internal Revenue Service		
Federal Tax	4,597.92	
Medicare Tax	540.48	
Franklin County Retirement	854.26	
Commonwealth of Mass.		
State Tax	1,560.00	
	$33,197.55	
		$33,197.55
United Savings Bank		
Balance June 30, 1993		$ 1,693.40

Respectfully submitted,

VALERIE L. WALKER, **Treasurer**

Annual Report of the Fred W. Wells Trustees

Funds available for the fiscal year 1993-1994 were $150,150.00 which were allocated to three specific areas: Education, Health and Agriculture.

EDUCATION: The Trustees received 214 applications for education grants, and approved 165 students to receive $121,950. This amount includes the $1,000 Wells Scholarship in Honor of Ralph & Hilda Haskins. The Trustees spent many hours on the selection process to ensure that as many students as possible could receive scholarship aid.

HEALTH: Three (3) health programs were approved. The following received funds totaling $21,000.:

Western Mass Children with Attention Disorders & Deficits (CHADD)
New England Center for Women in Transition (NELCWIT)
Hospice of Franklin County

AGRICULTURE: An amount of $7,200 was approved for payment to:

Franklin County Agriculture Society
Heath Fair
Shelburne Grange Fair

Respectfully submitted,

DOUGLAS A. CHANDLER
Trustee

Report of the Zoning Board of Appeals

There was only one matter before the Board during 1993. It was an appeal from a decision of the Building Inspector regarding the denial of a building permit application for the reconstruction of a non-conforming residence destroyed by fire. The issue was whether reconstruction had begun within the six month period following the fire allowed by the zoning by-laws, and whether the proposed residence was larger in size than the burned residence. After a hearing, the Building Inspector agreed that reconstruction had begun within the required time frame. The petitioner was referred to the Planning Board for permission to construct a larger residence.

The Board also adopted a revised set of operating rules. These rules will provide potential petitioners and applicants with information on how the Board will handle various matters, and provide guidance as to what information is required to consider a matter. It is hoped that these new rules will reduce any confusion over what the Board may expect in its operation.

Eleanor Ward retired during 1993. No one can remember when she first began serving the Board; however, her long tenure provided stability and consistency to the Board's deliberations and decisions over the years. Her wise counsel was always welcome, valued, and appreciated. She will be missed.

Ms. Anna Fessenden has agreed to perform the clerical duties for the Board. She brings many skills and much enthusiasm to the position. The Board looks forward to working with her.

Respectfully submitted,

JACK McNIFF, **Chairman**
CLAYTON CRAFT
M. DIANNE MULLER, **Clerk**
STUART HARRIS, **Assoc.**
KEN LILLY, **Assoc.**

Franklin County Cooperative Inspector Program

I herewith submit my Annual Report for the Building Inspection portion of the FCCIP for FY '93. The total number of building permits decreased by 5% from FY '92, with the total project valuation remaining the same.

The number of housing starts within the Cooperative Building Inspection Program have increased 2% from FY '92, to a total of 87 dwelling units. Shutesbury, Conway, Leverett, Ashfield, and Bernardston were the most active towns, accounting for 65% of the housing starts and 45% of the overall building permits.

The FCCIP Board of Directors voted for the implementation of a Zoning Request Form in FY '93, which is primarily focused at determining the status of a nonconforming lot ("grandfathered" lot), in accordance with zoning, without the need for a complete permit application to initiate the process. This form may also be used to review a more complex zoning issue that is not readily apparent within the local zoning bylaws.

The Mass. Dept. of Public Safety has allocated funds for the Board of Building Regulations and Standards to hire several more state level Building Inspectors (bringing the statewide total to 12), who not only oversee state buildings and hospitals, but are a great source of technical assistance for all local inspectors.

FY '93 witnessed the adoption of MGL Chapter 168 of the Acts of 1992 which requires all Inspectors of Buildings, Building Commissioners, and Local Inspectors to be state certified. As standard practice, all who were legally acting in a capacity as a building official on November 12, 1992, were automatically certified in their specific position. All persons hired after November, 1992, must be certified, or become certified with certain qualifications, including passing a series of nationally accepted examinations. The demands placed on building officials are increasingly more critical, as safety and structure are combined with engineering and economics in trying to attain a maximum with a minimum. Not only is there an examination process for building official candidates, but all building officials, old and new alike, must maintain a certified status through specific continuing education courses and seminars.

I would like to thank all of the residents, builders, town officials, and boards for their assistance, guidance, and patience through FY '93. I look forward to continuing to serve the member communities of the Cooperative.

Respectfully submitted,

VICTOR STALEY

F.C.C.B.I.P.

FISCAL YEAR REPORT '93
FROM JULY 1, 1992 to JUNE 30, 1993

Town	Permits	Value	Dwelling Units*	Permit Fees	Certif. of Occ.	Certif. of Inspec. Issued°	C.I. Fees	Other Fees	Total Fees
Ashfield	72	$ 1,363,025	8	$ 7,635	9	11	$ 160	$ 40	$ 7,835
Bernardston	69	1,344,818	8	7,345	13	17	320	20	7,685
Buckland	59	853,545	4	4,851	10	11	120	0	4,971
Charlemont	49	612,155	3	3,491	3	21	284	0	3,775
Conway	74	2,109,876	14	10,945	19	7	135	20	11,100
Erving	48	756,328	6	4,390	5	11	370	0	4,760
Gill	54	792,531	3	5,040	5	30	1,353	30	6,423
Hawley	22	436,355	3	2,205	4	1	0	0	2,205
Heath	34	550,495	2	2,975	5	4	0	0	2,975
Leverett	52	1,483,178	9	7,880	12	6	70	0	7,950
Leyden	18	340,306	2	1,810	4	4	15	0	1,825
Monroe	10	12,800	0	180	0	0	0	0	180
Shelburne	65	789,657	1	4,523	14	37	1,180	10	5,713
Shutesbury	67	2,310,121	18	11,380	16	10	264	10.25	11,654.25
Whately	53	1,540,051	6	7,495	9	15	440	20	7,955
TOTALS	746	$15,295,241	87	$82,145	128	185	$4,711	$150.25	$87,006.25

°These figures reflect only those inspections which receive Certificates. Many other inspections are performed by B.I. but for various reasons no Certificates are issued.

*2-Family and Multi-dwellings are issued only one permit per building.

"Other Fees" reflect reinspections and duplication of permits and C.O.'s.

Franklin County Cooperative
Plumbing & Gas Inspector Program

Calendar Year Report — 1993

	1993 Fees 1/1 - 6/30	1993 Permits 1/1 - 6/30	1993 Fees 7/1 - 12/31	1993 Permits 7/1 - 12/31	1993 Total Permits	1993 Total Fees
Ashfield	$ 903.00	21	$ 886.00	24	45	$ 1,789.00
Bernardston	1,114.00	27	1,399.00	31	58	2,513.00
Buckland	584.00	11	874.00	24	35	1,458.00
Charlemont	355.00	5	808.00	18	23	1,163.00
Conway	925.00	21	885.00	16	37	1,810.00
Erving	434.00	10	669.00	18	28	1,103.00
Hawley	86.00	2	543.00	9	11	629.00
Heath	446.00	7	801.00	15	22	1,247.00
Leverett	958.00	21	1,985.00	33	54	2,943.00
Leyden	559.00	11	580.00	14	25	1,139.00
Monroe	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0.00
Shelburne	232.00	7	1,561.00	35	42	1,793.00
Whately	522.00	10	1,557.00	40	50	2,079.00
TOTALS	$ 7,118.00	153	$12,548.00	277	430	$19,666.00

PAULIN J. BUKOWSKI
Plumbing/Gas Inspector

Franklin County Cooperative Wiring Inspector Program

Calendar Year Report — 1993

	1993 Fees 1/1 - 6/30	1993 Permits 1/1 - 6/30	1993 Fees 7/1 - 12/31	1993 Permits 7/1 - 12/31	1993 Total Permits	1993 Total Fees
Ashfield	$ 900.00	19	$ 775.00	21	40	$ 1,675.00
Bernardston	1,335.00	28	890.00	25	53	2,225.00
Buckland	540.00	14	1,210.00	29	43	1,750.00
Charlemont	810.00	13	830.00	25	38	1,640.00
Conway	770.00	16	1,170.00	25	41	1,940.00
Erving	1,415.00	21	980.00	22	43	2,395.00
Hawley	225.00	5	435.00	9	14	660.00
Heath	455.00	13	585.00	16	29	1,040.00
Leverett	965.00	18	1,085.00	27	45	2,050.00
Monroe	35.00	1	0.00	0	1	35.00
Northfield	1,900.00	37	1,640.00	39	76	3,540.00
Shelburne	1,175.00	28	1,560.00	36	64	2,735.00
Wendell	955.00	26	1,210.00	31	57	2,165.00
Whately	265.00	7	1,015.00	23	30	1,280.00
TOTALS	$11,745.00	246	$13,385.00	328	574	$25,130.00

EDWARD F. MARCHEFKA
Wiring Inspector

Ambulance Service Report

As I write this, my fifth annual report to my fellow townspeople, I cannot help but think of the old saying "Time marches on" and to this add my own that "Progress is not far behind."

In the last few years we have seen the onset of the use of the Defibrillator by Basic EMT's. Now, beginning this last year, Fire and Police personnel can be certified in the use of the Defib. unit.

Another major change this last year is the use of intercepts by a Paramedic unit. This occurs under certain conditions as regulated by the state. The positive aspect of this is the advanced care that these units can bring to our residents. When this does occur, the Paramedics bill for their services. This past year we had 76 runs of which 9 were intercepts.

I cannot repeat enough times the need for additional EMT's for our service. If we can strengthen our Basic service then we can look ahead to the possibility of stepping up a level to an Intermediate level of care. This takes another 200+ hours of training. If you or anyone you know can give of your time to the service, PLEASE contact the Town office or myself.

I want to say thank you to everyone who has donated money in memory of someone or just given us a donation this past year. This is the only money that we have to operate on. We do not ask for a budget from the town and do not expect one as long as we can operate the way we have for the last 40+ years. We wish to remain a truly volunteer service.

In 1996-97 we will be looking at replacing our present ambulance with a new one. At that time, we probably will have a fund drive to raise money for this. If anyone would like to donate money for this prior to this time, we will put it in a separate fund for this purpose.

In closing, I wish to thank the EMT's, Dispatchers and especially Janice Scott for all their time and energy that they put into making this service work. Remember, these people are all professionals. I want to also thank Doug Field and Tom Possiant for their years of service as EMT's. We know that they will continue to help the service in every way they can and be there when we need them.

Remember, the ambulance is a free service to you, the townspeople, and your guests. Please keep it that way with your donations.

Serving you,

DOUGLAS MOLLISON
Ashfield Ambulance Director

Police Department Report

As I write my first annual report for the Police Department, I would like to begin by expressing my gratitude to the Board of Selectmen, the members of the Police Department, and the residents of the Town of Ashfield for their trust, support, and the warm welcome which has been extended to myself and my family. I would also like to thank former Chief of Police, Gary Sibilia, and wish him well in his new position as Chief of Police in Northfield, and to Jim Manheim for his help in making the transition as smooth as possible.

Sandi Zalenski was appointed to the permanent position of Sergeant this year, and with the departure of Chief Sibilia, he was appointed interim Acting Chief of Police until the position was permanently filled. Sandi's experience in law enforcement is an asset to the town, his dedication and time, devoted around his full-time job and family, including a new baby boy, should be commended.

Steven Greenman was appointed Corporal by Acting Chief Zalenski. Steve has been with the department for twenty years and should also be commended for his dedication to the Police Department and public safety of the town.

In preparing the annual report, after the short time that I have held the position as Chief of Police, I apologize for being unable to provide the town residents with the statistics of the department over the past fiscal year. However, in talking with the officers, I have learned that the Police Department was very active during the summer of 1993.

During the month of December, I met with Principal Ann Marie Mislak, of Sanderson Academy. At that time we discussed the D.A.R.E. program agenda for 1994 and the proposed D.A.R.E. grant which was being offered by the State of Massachusetts through cigarette sales tax monies set aside for this program. Each town was allowed to apply for up to $50,000.00 for its program, which I applied for in cooperation with Principal Mislak, and was awarded the sum of $28,170.00. My thanks to Ann Marie for her time and dedication in making this possible for our children.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND REDFERN
Chief of Police

Board of Assessors

Our total valuation for Fiscal 94 is $106,386,362 which is a decrease of $3,741,110 from last year's total valuation of $110,127,472. Our tax rate is $13.30 per $1,000 of valuation, an increase of $1.57 over last year's tax rate of $11.73. It is necessary to raise $1,414,938 this year by taxation, an increase of $123,143 over last year's taxation amount of $1,291,795. Money appropriated included a debt exclusion of $31,487.41 and an override of $80,000.

Valuations on all properties have been updated as of January 1, 1993 reflecting sales of the past year.

Summary of Monies Raised by Taxation and Receipts

	FY91	FY92	FY93	FY94
1. Total amount to be raised	$1,520,172.06	$1,559,247.71	$1,662,181.24	$1,818,374.62
2. Receipts				
A. From state	74,119.00	175,812.00	135,036.00	138,492.00
B. Local	172,000.00	190,605.00	169,150.00	148,100.00
C. Available funds				
1) Free cash	145,508.76	40,586.00	62,200.00	50,244.00
2) Other available funds	19,124.04	4,000.00	4,000.00	66,600.00
D. Subtotal A, B, C	410,751.80	411,003.00	370,386.00	403,436.00
3. Annual tax levy	1,109,420.26	1,148,244.71	1,291,795.24	1,414,938.62
4. Total assessed value	106,880,565.00	113,913,166.00	110,127,472.00	106,386,362.00
5. Tax rate/$1,000 value	10.38	10.08	11.73	13.30

Summary of Levy Limits, Overrides and Debt Exclusions

	FY91	FY92	FY93	FY94
Previous year levy (minus exclusions)	934,999	1,046,152	1,088,482	1,236,908
+ Previous year unused levy capacity	630	1,528	110,713	13,405
+ 2.5% of previous year levy limit	23,391	26,192	29,980	31,258
+ New growth	38,660	21,524	21,138	22,844
+ Override	50,000	103,799	0	80,000
New levy limit	1,047,680	1,199,195	1,250,313	1,384,415
+ Exclusions	63,268	59,762	54,887	31,487
Maximum levy	1,110,948	1,258,957	1,305,200	1,415,902
- Actual levy	1,109,420	1,148,244	1,291,795	1,414,938
Unused Levy Capacity	1,528	110,713	13,405	964

PETER H. WIITANEN
LAURA B. ARRUDA
LEONARD H. ROBERTS
Board of Assessors

Report of the Belding Memorial Library Trustees

1993 was another productive and exciting year for the library as we made the transition to a newly renovated building and a new library director. Circulation and increased use of the library and its resources expanded the services we provide to the townspeople. We have noted a significant increase in the use of the children's room which is directly related to the increased size. We are very grateful to the Friends of the Library and all the members of the community who helped to organize the monthly children's story hour. The children really enjoyed being read to. We are grateful to Helene Leue and the Friends of the Library for supporting and organizing the children's summer program. This summer many children attended and were enriched by the program. We are also grateful to the Friends of the Library for their organizing a series of lectures and readings throughout the year.

In addition to the usual duties of overseeing the operation of the library, the trustees have been working actively to improve and rewrite the library policies and fund raising. We are grateful to Diana Bennett, George Monk, Tom Gambino, and Barbara Zalenski for their work in securing a grant for $2,000 to expand the children's collection.

We want to thank Barbara Zalenski for 17 years of loyal devotion to the library, we will miss her as library director. We also want to welcome Anne Judson as the new library director. Anne has worked for the library for 15 years and is very familiar with its operations and patrons. Thanks to Anne and Nadine Smith for their help in the transition between library directors and for their great work throughout the year. We also welcome Pat Spees as a new library staff person. Ashfield is extremely fortunate to have such loyal and informed library trustees. Thanks to Diana Bennett, Helene Leue, Ellen Miller, Lindy Gougeon and Victoria Yoshen for their efforts this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

D. TIERTZA-LEAH SCHWARTZ
Chair of the Trustees

Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash

Year Ending June 30, 1993

Balance of Cash at July 1, 1992	$ 638,020.31
Cash Received	2,772,129.00
Cash Disbursements	2,774,395.54
Balance of Cash at June 30, 1993	$ 635,753.77
Balance consists of:	
United Savings Bank:	
General Fund	$ 41,955.73
Ambulance Fund	4,855.86
STRAP Fund	28,686.70
Core Focus Fund	14,567.79
Fred Cross - General Fund	58,117.35
Fred Cross - Library	5,000.00
Fred Cross - Cemetery	2,000.00
Trust Funds	103,011.17
Cemetery Funds	1,250.00
Greenfield Savings Bank	
Stabilization Fund	$ 138,743.24
M.M.D.T.	
General Fund	$ 157,931.66
Hall Bequest - Fire Department	10,433.00
Hall Bequest - Ambulance Fund	12,275.52
Mary Priscilla Howes Fund	11,624.17
Fleet Bank	
Eliza Miller Account	15,249.85
Salmon Miller Account	30,051.73
TOTAL	$ 635,753.77
Presentation of Cash:	
General Fund	$ 270,706.26
Stabilization Fund	138,743.24
Trust Funds	226,304.27
TOTAL	$ 635,753.77

Note: Income also received to benefit Belding Park and Belding Library from the Milo Belding Jr. Endowment, held by the trustees of Shawmut Bank.

Respectfully submitted,

JANET M. SWEM, **Treasurer**

Report of the Belding Memorial Park Commission

The Park Commission would like to present this report to the residents of Ashfield. We take pride in our park and the steps taken to improve our fine resources. This commission recognizes the beautiful natural resources we have been blessed with and how lucky we are to have this in our community.

In this past year we have worked very hard to provide the residents with a well maintained and groomed facility, enabling them to enjoy it for passive as well as physical recreational use. This does not happen all by itself, many thanks go to Dave DiLuzzio and his staff for a job well done. We are also deeply grateful to Bob Levinson for all the hours he volunteers, maintaining and enhancing the park land.

Much of the general maintenance is done without financial troubles, allowing us to work within our budget, but in the future we will be faced with repairs to the tennis courts that will need additional funding. Until then, we will continue to make repairs until such time as the playing conditions are not safe. Our budget allows us to do general maintenance and provide services such as swimming lessons and public swimming, from the last weekend in May through Labor Day.

We began to enhance the upper park land last fall with the installation of a new flagpole and signs. Since this is the entrance to and the focal point to our town and park land, the commission found it fitting to let people know what this area is. Thanks to Richard Turner for his time assisting with the construction of the flagpole and signs. The United States flag was presented to the town by our Congressman John Olver and the state flag by Senator Stan Rosenberg. To complete this project this spring we will be planting bushes and flowers in this area.

Also enhancing this area of park land is the beautiful stone provided by Ashfield Tree Planting Committee. Thanks for working so hard to beautify our town.

This past summer the town had the first summer youth program run by Peg McGuire. One project they took on was the painting of a beautiful mural on the beach house. This project was directed and assisted by artist Robert Masla. Thanks to everyone who worked on this project.

Finally, we will try to continue to enhance and beautify our park so our residents can continue to enjoy it for many years to come. If anyone has any suggestions on how we can improve both our parks and services to the community, please don't hesitate to contact the park commission.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT GRAHAM, **Chairman**
ROBERT LEVINSON
HOLLY TIRRELL
Belding Memorial
Park Commission

Ashfield Youth Commission Report

The Ashfield Youth Commission would like to thank the Town of Ashfield for its support of the youth program last summer.

Over one hundred pre-teens and teens participated along with sixty adult volunteers helping to run a successful program which included several field trips, dances, workshops, sports, a drop-in center with games, monies and arts and crafts.

With your continued support we are hopeful that this summer our program will provide even more activities for young people.

Respectfully submitted,

PEG McGUIRE

Foothills Health District Report

The Foothills Health District has continued to give its communities the best service possible considering strict financial limitations and lack of modern day office equipment. Its commitment to protect local resources and the quality of rural life has been provided at an actual cost of $3.00 to $5.40 per person this year. The District has continued with its sponsorship of local seminars, educating school departments, town officials, and others. It has developed liaisons with other public and environmental health associations and strengthened its working relationship with pre-existing partnerships.

The District, in association with the Greater Franklin County Tobacco Control Coalition, which includes the Community Coalition for Teens, the Greater Franklin County Partnership for the Prevention of Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Abuse, has applied for and received a $130,000 grant from the Department of Public Health to promote tobacco control programs within the participating towns. The Tobacco Grant was submitted by the Town of Greenfield on behalf of the Franklin County local Boards of Health Partnership, which includes thirty towns in Franklin County and the towns of Goshen and Williamsburg. These towns were included in the grant due to their membership in the Foothills Health District. Prior to the coordinated efforts of the agencies mentioned above, there has been no coordinated support system or resources to promote tobacco free programs. The implementation of the grant will take place in the coming year.

The District members and employees would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Townspeople for their continued support. The District welcomes any comments on local health issues which you would like to see addressed.

Respectfully submitted,

JOAN BARRY
Health Agent

Board of Health Report

The amount of new construction has fallen off from the peak of several years ago. During 1993, the Board issued seven new construction permits for new or substantially modified septic systems and conducted thirteen perc tests, an indicator of future development. The Board also issued permits for wells, food service and all of the other required activities.

The seemingly unstoppable spread of rabies across our area has led the Board to work with the Dog Officer, Warren Kirkpatrick and the Animal Control Officer, Kim Reardon, as well as the Police and Fire departments and veterinarians to develop a plan for the fast response of the Town in case of an emergency or a suspicious animal. The Police Department and the Dispatch are informed as to what responses will help identify and safely manage a potential rabies threat. Every week there are confirmed reports of rabies in wild and domestic animals in Western Massachusetts. Don't fail to vaccinate your pets, both dogs and cats!

One of the larger events recorded this year was an illegal dump that had been created in Town. We issued an order to clean it up, but the work went awry and caught fire, creating a great deal of dirty work for the Fire Department and others. Everyone should know that dumps are tightly regulated in this state and new ones are, for all practical purposes, illegal.

The main work of the Board has been in the development and coordination of the new town treatment plant and sewer. We have been working closely with the Board of Selectmen to wrestle this huge project down to size. After many months of preparation, the Town meeting at the end of June voted nearly unanimously to pursue a "Solar Aquatic Greenhouse Treatment Plant" technology. A court order from the Massachusetts Attorney General probably also did something towards convincing townspeople that after 22 years, now was the time to proceed. The Board is now engaged in developing the design details with our engineers. The project is planned to be bid in November, 1994 and operating no later than May 1, 1996.

All of the efforts devoted to accomplishing the goals of the Town have been greatly facilitated by our Health Agent, Joan Barry, so ably undertaking the perc tests, plan reviews, and many other daily tasks. We appreciate her help. We also welcome the questions and suggestions of all Town members and look forward to the construction of our new town sewer and treatment plant, starting in 1994.

THOMAS S. LEUE, **Chairman**
HARRY DODSON
DUNCAN COLTER

Council on Aging Report

The Council on Aging of Ashfield belongs to a consortium representing the towns of Ashfield, Buckland, Colrain, and Shelburne which operates a multi-purpose senior center at 7 Main Street in Shelburne Falls. This community facility organizes a broad spectrum of programs, including the provision of health, social, nutritional, and educational services and the provision of facilities for recreational and cultural activities for older individuals.

The Senior Center has become a focal point for linking services to the needs of elders in West County. Primary among the services offered is information and referral — the Center answers hundreds of questions during a monthly period. Some of the topics of inquiry include social security, health insurance, nursing and rest homes, home care, transportation, fuel assistance, meals-on-wheels, housing, home repair, and protective services (elder abuse and elders living alone who can no longer take care of themselves).

The demand-response transportation system is the crucial link in providing access to essential services such as medical appointments and shopping and errand trips, as well as rides to recreational and cultural programs. The Center provides wheelchair accessible vans and volunteer drivers who use their own vehicles.

New programs inaugurated this year include a book discussion program, writing workshops, a telephone reassurance program, a S.A.L.T. Council (seniors and lawmen together) for elders to communicate concerns about crime to local police and sheriffs, officers, and several intergenerational programs with the Mohawk Regional School System. Seventy-four Ashfield elders (an unduplicated count) used our services at least once during the year. Units of service for Ashfield residents (e.g., an individual may use several services many times) for a sample of programs follows:

Congregate Meals	576	Meals-on-Wheels	1,872
Brown Bag	45	Caseworker Consultations	6
Transportation	164	Blood Pressure & Health Clinics	74
Program Attendance (Recreational, educational, cultural)	166	TOTAL UNITS	2,903

The programs and services of the Council on Aging would not be possible without the support of a dedicated group of volunteers. Their efforts are appreciated greatly by the staff, the Council on Aging Board, and by the elder residents of the community.

Respectfully submitted,

SYLVIA MONK, **Chair**
RON BROWN, **Director**
GEORGE MONK
CASS NAWROCKI
SALLY STRAUS

Dog Officer's Report

The Ashfield Dog Officer's activities have steadily risen this past year. The ever-present threat of rabies in the state has increased Ashfield's responsibilities to its residents and animals. To date there has been no confirmed cases of rabies in Ashfield. In February of last year a rabies emergency response plan was put into effect. This plan would insure safe and accurate results should a person need medical advice regarding a scratch or bite done by an unvaccinated animal. Any person scratched or bitten by a mammal should contact a physician at once. They should also call emergency services in town to evaluate the situation. Anyone needing information on rabies may contact myself, the Board of Health or a veterinarian.

In June of this year four baby skunks were captured after their mother was killed. The babies weighed about four ounces and were given to a certified animal rehab person in Beckett, MA for release at a later date. An interesting fact which I soon discovered to be true is that skunks are able to spray from birth.

Another concern for cats and dogs in Ashfield is the Eastern Coyote. According to Thomas Decker, Fur-bearing Biologist in Boston, coyotes will prey on both of these pets if left unattended by their owners. My log for this year shows that approximately 55 cats and three dozen dogs have vanished from town without a trace. This is not to say all disappearances were due to coyotes, but it is a possibility. If you value your pets, please keep them close at hand to insure their safety.

An incident of a person throwing a dog out of a motor vehicle and leaving the scene was witnessed this past year. If anyone sees this type of action, please try to obtain a number from the license plate and contact myself or the police department immediately.

As a reminder, all dogs six months and older must be licensed by April 1st of each year. In order to obtain a dog license, an up-to-date Rabies Certificate must be presented to the town clerk. Dog licenses may also be obtained by mail if you wish. Also, there is a year-round dog restraining order in effect for Ashfield. Dog owners are fully responsible for any expenses resulting from damages done by their unrestrained dog.

I want to thank all the people who have supported and assisted me in performing a very worthwhile service to the animal population of Ashfield. Please remember, animals were the first creatures on Earth, let's try and preserve their existence.

Anyone having questions or concerns can reach me at (413) 628-3811. All lost and found notices are posted in the Post Office, Elmer's and Neighbors stores.

Dogs Placed	14
Dogs Destroyed	0
Phone Calls	3,478
Dogs Confined	31
Cats Confined	6
Mileage	2,793
Labor Hours	1,461
Kennel Expenses	$ 98.51
Fines Collected	$174.00

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN KIRKPATRICK
Dog Officer

Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative

The Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative is a municipal organization made up and funded by eleven communities — Ashfield, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Hatfield, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg and Worthington — in Western Massachusetts. These towns joined forces through an intermunicipal agreement in 1989 to deal with their waste management problems. The HRMC, as part of its charter, is directed to create a comprehensive waste management strategy and implement that strategy on behalf of the eleven member communities. Education outreach and technical assistance can best be accomplished when we use the economies of scale to our advantage. The combined efforts of the eleven HRMC member towns through the HRMC Board members, volunteers and its administrator represents the type of effort we need to do just that. To this end, the HRMC has dedicated ½ of its $52,734 budget to education and outreach efforts during this year and the remainder of its budget to other HRMC programs and working with local boards in a technical assistance role. The HRMC has also been awarded over $12,000 in Federal and State grant money over the past year to further assist us in our education, outreach and technical efforts.

The regional nature of the HRMC is its greatest asset to the communities it serves. The four main goals of the HRMC are:

1) To assist the towns in monitoring and controlling waste disposal and recycling costs.

2) To keep abreast of changing state and federal regulations on behalf of local Boards which manage the towns' waste disposal and recycling programs through the efforts of dedicated volunteers.

3) To perform aggressive and proactive education and outreach programs through the schools, town meetings, and other local groups to keep the public informed about waste management and recycling issues.

4) To advocate on behalf of the towns concerning waste management and recycling related issues whenever it is appropriate.

Keeping cost under control during these times of tight budgets is an extraordinary challenge; the HRMC realizes that waste prevention through education, outreach and technical assistance is the most effective cost prevention strategy at the local level.

We each are responsible for over 2,000 pounds of trash and recyclables each year. On average waste disposal and management costs are the fourth largest expense a town faces. It is a primary goal of the HRMC to continue to assist the member towns with controlling and reducing waste management costs over the coming year. Educating residents about how to properly handle all portions of the waste stream (solid waste, recyclables, source reduction, HHW - Household Hazardous Waste -, demolition debris, bulk metals, etc.) is the single most important function of the HRMC. For example, we need to show residents that not only is it good to put their bottles, cans, paper and cardboard in the recycling bin, but it is also good to buy recycled products. There are now many common household products made from recycled materials. It is up to each of us to purchase them as often as possible; this is how we can help develop the long term market stability needed to make recycling work.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) is another example of how we need to educate residents. HHW is present in all aspects of our daily lives when we clean our homes, paint or stain, drive our cars, use any form of cleaning or solvent and even when using body care products. However, we use such small amounts of these materials on a daily or weekly basis that we do not realize we are exposing ourselves to small amounts of toxins. It costs over $100 per household to hold a collection day, and to date we have been able to reach only a limited number of households through our HHW collection and education programs. A misconception most residents have about HHW is since they can easily purchase these products, then they must be well tested and do not pose a threat to us in our home environment. In a rural region like ours, when you pour toxics down the drain, the toxics wind up in your own backyard septic system. We know residents want information which will help them to purchase alternative "environmentally safer" products. The HRMC will be providing that information to all area residents who request it over the coming year.

It is my pleasure to serve as administrator of the HRMC for this valuable regional effort, and I look forward to the upcoming year with great promise and expectation. If you have any questions, feel free to call the HRMC at 268-3845; this is your cooperative effort; together we can make it work.

Respectfully submitted,

ERIC WEISS
Administrator, HRMC

Conservation Commission Report

The duties of the Conservation Commission include local application of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, as well as other conservation-related duties. We ask all Ashfield citizens to take seriously the protection of our local natural resources by bringing to our attention any concerns regarding local wetlands protection, endangered species, timber cutting, etc. Most of our regular business involves review of Requests for Determination and Notices of Intent under the Wetlands Protection Act.

Requests for Determination result in a decision by the Conservation Commission as to whether the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act applies to a given project. When any doubt exists as to whether excavation, dredging, filling, alteration, construction or related activities will take place within 100 feet of wetlands, the Commission should be notified and a Determination will be made.

Notice of Intent is filed by a landowner to inform the Commission when work is to take place within wetlands or their 100 foot buffer zone. If work is clearly within the wetlands or buffer zone, the Request for Determination is usually bypassed. Submitting a Notice of Intent provides the Commission with a clear plan of what construction is proposed. On this basis a public hearing is advertised and held, at which the applicant, abutters and anyone else may participate. Following the hearing, site visits by Commission members, and approval by the regional office of DEP in Springfield, an Order of Conditions is usually issued which specifies how wetlands are to be protected.

During the calendar year of 1993 the Conservation Commission held eleven public hearings, issued eight Notices of Intent, received three Requests for Determination, had more than twenty inquiries and made twenty site visits. The Commission's share of fees collected during this period totaled $360.00. These receipts are used to support the Conservation Commission's business.

The Conservation Commission worked closely this year with the Board of Selectmen regarding the proposed wastewater treatment system, with the Fire Department regarding a dry hydrant in Spruce Corner and with the Ashfield Water District regarding plans to upgrade the village water system.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD G. MULLER, JR., **Chair**
DONALD LESURE
DANIEL PHELPS
STEPHEN G. TILLEY
WILLIAM FITZGERALD

Franklin County Commissioners

For yet another year the legislature's efforts to bring closure to its ongoing struggle with County Government were characterized by promise and turmoil. Between January 93 and 94 we have seen the reinstatement of a local property tax to finance County Jails, a continued inability to come to terms with the operating costs of an overburdened judicial system, and a reluctance to lead, follow or get out of the way of the few counties which have been reinventing government long before it was fashionable or unavoidable. Yet, even as several bills called for eliminating or dismantling counties, there was published a report on the future of regionalism and counties' role as the traditional mid-level of government.

Much recognition was given Franklin County not only in the report on the future, but in the report which called for abolishing counties. Both documents cite Franklin County as the model for how county government should work. The abolition bill actually exempts Franklin County from many of its provisions. Yet our charter legislation has not been authorized by the legislature to come back to the Countys citizens for a vote. Why? Our charter requires that municipal funding for the county be used solely for providing municipal services, not for financing the Jail, Courthouse and Registry. With the effort of our Sheriff, we are getting closer to achieving full state funding of our Jail, but until the state fully finances its obligations, the squeeze remains on our local services.

Our reputation in Boston has been built on how much we accomplish with limited resources. The Planning department reached a number of milestones in transportation planning including the completion of the Long Range Regional Transportation Plan and the creation of the Transportation Subcommittee. In addition, the Bikeway Plan is now in line for federal funding. With the assistance of our Natural Resource Planner contingency plans were developed for several communities to provide sources of water supply in the event of contamination or drought. Much work was dedicated to helping small water suppliers in Franklin County comply with the testing provisions of the Safe Drinking Water Act and plans are underway to apply for grant funding in 1994 to form the first water testing collaborative for small suppliers.

Geographic Information systems (GIS) technology arrived in the Planning Department at the end of 1993 and work is underway to begin using the system for transportation modelling. Looking ahead, the Planning Department will be developing a modelling process using GIS technology which will identify potential growth centers, future transportation infrastructure requirements, opportunities for public transit and linkages between rail, rods, air and bikeways.

The municipal and planning staff continue to field many requests for technical assistance on a wide variety of issues including zoning and planning, purchasing, health insurance, ADA compliance, and grant writing for special projects. The Community Services Department continues to look at the growing needs of Franklin County residents. As a result, the Commission supported the creation of a Franklin County Child

Abuse Prevention Task Force and is working on efforts to create a Community Response Team. The Community Coalition for Teen (CCT) received a 5 year grant to continue its work to prevent teen pregnancies in Franklin County. Community Services also received a Tobacco Control Coalition grant which, in collaboration with the municipalities' local Boards of Health will work to prevent tobacco use in the County. Violence prevention and substance abuse prevention continue to be dominant efforts, as well as ongoing efforts to upgrade the emergency medical services training and communication program.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY FORBES, **Chair**
MARGARET STRIEBEL
JOHN STOBIERSKI

Mary Priscilla Howes Report
Finance Committee Report

In November 1989,, the "Mary Priscilla Howes Fund" was established to fund cultural and historical projects and programs. This fund is administered by the Finance Committee.

For 1993, the fund contributed $500.00 to the Ashfield Historical Society program, "The Ashfield Town Hall Concerts." The first concert was presented on April 17, 1993 featuring the Pioneer Valley Symphony Chamber Players and the second concert was presented on June 26, 1993 featuring the Mohawk Trail Concerts Chamber Orchestra.

The first presentation of the research done by Steve Smithers on the life and work of Richard Lee, a metalsmith in Ashfield during the early 1700's will be at the Historical Society's Museum, June 5 at 2 p.m. This research was sponsored by this fund in 1992.

Application forms may be obtained from and submitted to the town office or any Finance Committee member. All applications are considered in January following the close of the calendar year.

THOMAS CRANSTON, **Chairman**
THOMAS CARTER
CYNTHIA CLARKE
PHILIP PLESS

Annual Report of the Superintendent of Schools

It is with pleasure and great expectations that I submit my first report as Superintendent of Schools. I began work here on December 1, 1993, replacing Dr. Bruce Willard who served as Superintendent of Schools for 14 years. Dr. Gordon Parker, a psychologist at Mohawk Trail Regional High School, served as Interim Superintendent of Schools from September until shortly after I was hired.

During the past year many changes have occurred at the state and local levels which affect our schools. In June, Massachusetts passed the Education Reform Law which has many positive and forward looking components. Unfortunately, this law originally failed to recognize that our regional schools, as well as many other regional schools in the state, have for years based their assessments to towns on five year enrollment averages, rather than actual current enrollments. Because of this, we were unable to finalize two of our budgets for the 93-94 school year until mid-December. The State Department of Education briefly assumed control of the Buckland-Colrain-Shelburne and Mohawk Trail Regional School Districts, which was required by law since we did not have budgets for those school districts by December 1. This did not seriously impact the education of our students because the state appointed Dr. Parker as its on-site agent. Largely because we made the case for five year averaging loudly and clearly, the State eventually gave us permission to use any assessment process for this year that would bring two thirds of the towns of the Buckland-Colrain-Shelburne and Mohawk Trail Regional School Districts to agreement. Once the state gave us that option, we were able to work out a local solution to our budget problems. I was very impressed by the cooperation and the generosity that I saw exhibited at the joint meeting of the Mohawk Municipal Advisory Committee, Buckland-Colrain-Shelburne, and Mohawk Trail Regional School District Committees. Because of our tenacity, we learned recently that the State Department of Education will allow districts to continue to use five year averaging in assessing towns their share of the budget.

Considerable time and effort by school committee members and others were put into studying the possibility of forming a kindergarten through grade 12 regional school district for the eight towns that belonged to the 7-12 Mohawk Trail Regional School District. We were not able to get all of our towns to agree to form a K-12 system. Because of this we stood to lose significant amounts of regional incentive aid, which would have no longer been available after December 31, 1993. Due to extraordinary efforts on the part of Senator Stan Rosenberg, Senator Jane Swift, Representative Steve Kulik and their able staffs, special legislation was passed on our behalf. The Buckland-Colrain-Shelburne Regional School District, the Ashfield-Plainfield Regional School District and Union 65 were dissolved. The Towns of Ashfield, Buckland, Colrain, Heath, Shelburne, and Plainfield became members of a newly expanded Mohawk Trail Regional School District serving students K-12. The Towns of Charlemont

and Hawley will be members of this new Mohawk School District, but only for grades 7 to 12. The Hawlemont Regional School District will continue to exist and to serve Charlemont and Hawley students for grades K-6. The Town of Rowe, which withdrew from the Mohawk Trail Regional School District several years ago to help the other towns receive more state aid, will continue to have the right to send their students to Mohawk Trail Regional High School as per the agreement made at the time Rowe withdrew from the Mohawk District.

At this time I would like to thank the Town of Rowe for the generous extra contribution that they have made to Mohawk during the past several years. They partially fund one guidance counselor. They run a late bus for their students and also provide some transportation free of charge to students from Charlemont, Hawley, and Heath.

In addition to myself, four new administrators have joined our school system during the past year. Donald Potter was hired as the principal of Buckland-Shelburne Regional School. Jeff Taylor was hired as the principal of Rowe Elementary School, Jackie Daley was hired to fill a one year leave position at Colrain Central School, filling in for Peter Dolan who took a leave of absence. William Hickey was hired as the Administrator of Special Education.

We are faced with serious building problems. Most of our schools are over-crowded and in need of repair. We have several active building committees studying these problems. These issues will have the full attention of myself and my staff.

During my brief time on the job I have seen several positive things going on in our schools. I believe that we have many dedicated and talented teachers and staff members, many wonderful young people and considerable support from parents and citizens. I look forward to the challenges and rewards of leading this school system.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT J. CORMIER,
Superintendent

Sanderson Academy Principal's Report

It is with pleasure that I submit my report as Acting Principal of Sanderson Academy for the School Year 1993-1994.

A total of 30 students graduated in June 1993 from Sanderson Academy. Twenty-three (23) of those students reside in Ashfield. They are:

Joshua Allard	Daniel Bennett	Rebecca Chandler
Matthew Chickering	Dwayne Desmarais	Aarron Day
Eleanor Dodson	Katie Johnson	Heather LeClair
Patrick Magee	Patrick McGuire	Tom Miner
Christina Nawrocki	Jessica Pichette	Megan Pree
Nathaniel Russell	Samuel Scrimshaw	Aaron Scott
Matthew Sherman	Joshua Shippee	Jessie Soine-Everett
Elisha Sweet	Kristina Vight	

Our total enrollment on December 1, 1993 equaled 230 students in grades K-6. The numbers of students at each grade level are as follows: 34 children in kindergarten; 41 children in grade one; 31 children in grade two; grade three totaled 28 students; fourth grade 32 students; and fifth grade 39 students; with 25 students in our sixth grade classroom. In this school year there are 171 students from Ashfield, 57 students enrolled from Plainfield and there are two tuition students from Conway, one in kindergarten and one in grade four. All classes are grouped heterogenously. Classes are grouped in the following manner; 2 sessions of kindergarten, 2 classes of First Grade, 2 classes of Second Grade, one Third Grade class, two Fourth Grade classrooms. The two Fifth Grade classrooms occupy the two classroom spaces at the Ashfield House on Main Street. There is one classroom of Sixth Grade students at Sanderson Academy.

The faculty this year consists of 11 regular classroom teachers and one Special Education teacher and one Reading Specialist/Chapter I teacher. There are four part-time teachers for art, vocal music, instrumental music and physical education. A psychologist, speech therapist and speech therapist aide provides services three days a week. Essential Skills and Chapter I grant monies remained stable, allowing us to hire two part-time aides who, along with the Reading Teacher, provide supplementary support to students at all grade levels.

A focus of the staff this past year has been to examine the Math Curriculum. In light of the NCTM (National Council of Teachers of Mathematics) Standards and the desire for professional development and sharing with other elementary schools, a grant from the Eisenhower Foundation was secured. Monies from this grant allowed teachers from Sanderson and from Hawlemont Regional School to develop a Math Course that would address our needs specifically. Outcomes of this endeavor included a Math Curriculum based on the NCTM Standards, purchase of new textbooks and supplies, and a unified direction followed by the entire staff.

Sanderson students are able to participate in many activities in keeping with our school philosophy, gaining a broad knowledge base and appreciating diversity in society. Many of these would not be possible without assistance from outside sources. The Arts Lottery Council made it possible for performances by area artists in the schools in the form of All-School Assemblies or working with the classrooms. The students themselves gain experience as the performer and the audience on a monthly basis in our own All-School Assemblies. Songs, plays and recitations by individual students or whole classes are presented one day each month. The Sanderson Alumni Association and the Swift River Inn have donated funds for student activities. The Sanderson PTO works closely with our staff to monitor needs in the classrooms. The Spring Bulb Sale and the annual Book Fair raised funds which have been generously shared to provide transportation for field trips and other items formally requested by individual teachers. The Mary Lyon Gift Catalogue continues to be a resource for us providing materials and labor as requested by staff members and we sincerely thank all who have contributed to our well-being over the past year in this manner. The Ashfield Lions Club conducted a raffle to help raise money for the purpose of purchasing a new copy machine for the school.

Sanderson Academy has participated in the Register Tape programs sponsored by Big Y and Price Chopper grocery markets and have purchased equipment for the school.

A Student Council was formed with a student representative from each classroom and it became a very active group. Along with a chance for the student voice to be heard, this group provided equipment, enjoyment, and support for all the staff and students.

The Mexican Exchange Program continued with Escuela Lomas Altas, an elementary school in Mexico City. This past April, ten Sixth Grade students chaperoned by Poppy Doyle, made the trip via New York City to Mexico City. Eight students from Mexico arrived and survived the Blizzard of '93 in March. They surely experienced our winter climate.

A group of Fifth and Sixth Grade students are Peer Mediators at Sanderson. The philosophy behind the student mediation program is that children can often solve their own problems with the help of their peers and learn problem-solving techniques in this process. Students in grades 5 and 6 are selected by their peers to be trained in the problem-solving process and they will then serve the entire school as conflict managers during the academic year.

With the passage of the Education Reform Act in June, many changes will be taking place in the schools all over Massachusetts. School Councils will play a vital role in the local schools. The Sanderson Council has been formed and has been meeting on a monthly basis. During this school year, the Council will develop and recommend to the School Committee goals for the school, a school improvement plan, and budget considerations. I am honored to be working alongside some very dedicated individuals. The School Council for this year, along with myself, is made up of three staff members, Budge Litchfield, Katherine First, and Jeannie Robertson. The Parent representatives are Irene Branson,

Bonnie Graves and Nicholas Howes. There are two Community representatives on the Council and they are Judy Turcotte from Ashfield and Pat North from Plainfield. As we move toward full regionalization, the local school-based organizations will play a vital role in the school.

The care and support of the community outside of Sanderson Academy has become indispensable to us here within the building. We truly appreciate everyone who has decided not to just watch us from a distance, but to become involved with our students and to share with us their wealth of talent and insight and energy that we all — staff and student alike — need to broaden our horizons. Thank you one and all.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNE MARIE MISLAK
Acting Principal

Mohawk Trail Regional High School Annual Report of the Principal

It is my pleasure to present my report to the citizens of the Mohawk Trail Regional School District. This year marks a moment of change for the school as the district expands to include many of our elementary schools. Change is also in the air as the Educational Reform Act of 1993 begins to mark a new era of educational improvements.

The Mohawk Trail Regional High School began the school year with the formation of a School Council which is composed of the principal, three teachers, four elected parent members, three community representatives and two elected students. This new body is charged with developing a school improvement plan, reviewing budget proposals, and insuring educational quality for all students. The committee meets twice a month and it has been reviewing expectations of students and requirements for graduation. The council is also examining school structures.

The Mohawk Parent Teacher Organization, which meets on the second Monday of the month, continues to grow in size. The group focuses on enabling a good flow of communication between the staff and the parents. Many parent suggestions are considered and adopted. The school is also very grateful to the Mohawk Athletic Association, a group of parents actively involved in supporting athletics, for raising tens of thousands of dollars to support sports programs. The Mohawk Music Association has done likewise in the support of the music program.

The school continues to develop new and enriching academic programs. Plans are now complete for the addition of Advanced Placement Biology in the fall of 1994. Work is underway to develop and expand programs in computer technology. The commitment of our citizens has enabled us to continue to do our best for the young people of our towns.

This fall, the middle school musical "ANNIE" was a resounding success; preparations are underway for the production of "GUYS AND DOLLS" for the spring. Athletic teams continue to lead the area in their successes. Several programs are building, many others are flourishing. Several teams have been participants in regional tournaments. About 60% of Mohawk students participate in afterschool music and sports programming.

Peer education has expanded this year to include peer mediation, tutoring services, substance abuse education, and outreach to the elementary schools. A large group of students have formed a Diversity Awareness Coalition to enhance the message of inclusiveness.

The school continues to grow. Our present population of 750 will increase in the fall to exceed 800 creating another shortage of space. Planning is underway to provide modular rooms.

In closing, we once again, thank the officials and the citizens of our nine-towns for your unwavering support of the school and its mission.

PHILIP A. DZIALO
Principal

1993 GRADUATES OF MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Katherine Arvidson
Bonnie Bailey
Elia Hamilton
Pamela Hurley
Mary Johnson
Tara Lenahan
Rebecca McCulloch
Kimberly Robidoux
Brian Page
Daniel Sadowski
Gregory Shea
Seth Wynne

Franklin County Technical School District

Annual Report of the Superintendent-Director
Calendar Year January 1, 1993 to December 31, 1993

I am pleased to submit the annual report of the administration of the Franklin County Technical School. As submitted in previous reports, I will briefly outline those significant events that have transpired during the past year.

Franklin County Technical School has experienced a change in administrative leadership with the retirement of David Filkins from the position of Superintendent-Director. The new administration will continue to rebuild F.C.T.S. in order that our staff, students, and community are able to meet the technological demands of the twenty-first century.

Regional schools have been given the trying and difficult task of implementing the new Educational Reform bill. The law specifies that regional agreements shall be superseded by the financial requirements of the Educational Reform bill. This situation results in additional tension between the local towns and the regional school. Now, more than ever, we must work together to continue the excellent relationships that exist between F.C.T.S. and its member towns.

Franklin County Technical School continues to develop adult education programs that will benefit all Franklin County residents. The Adult Education Elder Workers program, located at F.C.T.S., is an excellent example of a successful program that can exist if we share our valuable resources.

The student enrollment has increased by ten percent over the previous year. This trend will continue as the population of high school age students increases and as we work with local high schools to eliminate the general tract of education.

The October 1, 1993 enrollment by District and Non-District towns are as follows:

Bernardston	17	Shelburne	7
Buckland	12	Sunderland	7
Colrain	14	Warwick	7
Conway	3	Wendell	5
Deerfield	17	Whately	3
Erving	15	Amherst	9
Gill	11	Ashfield	8
Greenfield	113	Charlemont	3
Heath	3	Hawley	3
Leyden	8	Leverett	3
Montague	80	Plainfield	1
New Salem	6	Rowe	3
Northfield	19		
Orange	76		

A very successful career fair was held in March at which area eighth grade students were given an opportunity to explore careers in the vocational/technical areas offered at F.C.T.S. In addition, a highly attended evening session was held for all the parents of the same eighth grade students and for other prospective students.

Articulation agreements continue to exist with Holyoke, Springfield Technical, and Greenfield Community colleges which allow our students to receive college credit based on their competence in several technical programs.

Franklin County Technical School has entered its third year as a member of the Tech Prep West consortium with the same community colleges. This innovative program encourages our students to enroll in advanced math, science, and communication courses at F.C.T.S. for which they receive college credit, automatic acceptance into the Community College and an opportunity to transfer into an advanced degree program at the University of Massachusetts.

As in the past a large number of community service projects were completed by our school production shops. The annual house building project (being built this year in South Deerfield) is our major project. However, a large number of District towns benefited from the skills of our student body. We have also been involved in a number of remodeling projects at county senior citizen centers and the construction of recycling sheds for several member towns.

The Tech School continues to receive a large and varied number of federal grants allocated to curricular improvement. The school receives in excess of $200,000 in direct grants to assist us in developing a large number of vocational and special education programs. Furthermore, a number of our area business and industrial firms donated valuable materials, equipment and services to our school.

The Tech School was proud to offer diplomas and trade certificates to eighty-two seniors in the class of 1993. These graduates were:

Michael E. Bean
Ezra Bowers
Benjamin R. Burt
Michael J. Clapp
Darrell Cleveland, Jr.
Michelle C. Desrosiers
Thomas Edward Easton
Rebbecca J. Flood
Kerri Anne George
Robert Gonzalez
Joachim D. W. Graton
Joshua Wade Guyette
Sandra Lee Jackman
Michelle Ann Latham
Ellie M. Lyman
Holly Lynn McCullogh
Corey J. Melanson
Brian J. Betit
Keith Shawn Britt
Tracy L. Canon
Richard F. Clapp
Michelle Crowningshield
D'Ann I. Doyle
James M. Facey
John Michael Gates
Steven Stanley Gochinski
Amanda May Gordon
Casey Franklin Griswold
Rosemary D. Hebert
Thomas Bruce Kelly
Tracy Lynn Lewis
Keith Wade Matthews
Kimberly Marie McKay
Kenneth B. Miller
John M. Blake
Robyn Ann Brunelle
Kevin A. Carpenter
Tammy Jean Clapp
Frances Elaine Denyou
Wade T. Drost
Roger P. Flanders
Lisa A. Gaynor Koumbis
Randy Michael Gonynor
Amy J. Grabowski
Christopher M. Grogan
Cyrus J. Hinckley
Jennifer Beth Koshinsky
Julie M. Ludwiczak
Todd Michael Mayhew
Billy J. McKnight
Richard C. Moody

Carlotta F. Moore	Caity Moriaty	Robin-Lee Morrison
Shannon Mary O'Connell	Douglas James Orrell	Stanley A. Ostrowski
Frank H. Parker, Jr.	Freeman Peabody	Brian James Pelletier
Joshua W. Perkins	Donald I. Phillips	Jason D. Phillips
Steven R. Pszczola	Keith S. Raymond Jr.	Dale Gene Reynolds
Christopher Rice	Michael Riel	Knok Ruon
Marcie-Anne Savoie	Daniel J. Scully	Genevieve L. Spagna
Harry W. Taylor II	Joel L. Thurber	Cynthia Ann Tobey
David Griel Vorce	Daniel J. Waldron	Angela Marie Welles
Ramond E. White	Todd R. Wiles	Gary Brian Willard
Christopher T. Wood	April Nicole Young	

Our work experience and cooperative work programs continue to be an effective vehicle for job placement of Tech students. As of September, 1993, our Senior placement record was as follows:

Available for Placement	82
Entered College	15
Entered Military	6
Entered Work Force	49
Employed in Related Technical Training	38
Employed in Unrelated Technical Training	11
Job Placement (total)	60%

In conclusion, I would like to express my gratitude to the entire educational community at Franklin County Technical School for its dedication and hard work. Their support and understanding during difficult economic times have been appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER R. WELCH
Superintendent-Director

Annual Report of the Special Education Department

As of December 1, 1993, there were 332 children receiving special education services throughout the nine towns of the Mohawk Trail Regional District. This accounts for approximately 17% of the total student and pre-school population. The majority of special services are provided within the individual's school district whenever possible. When, as in some cases, it becomes more effective to provide out-of-district services, such services are sought.

Chapter 766 of the Acts of 1972 require that services be provided to a "...school age child: any person of ages three through twenty-one up to his/her twenty-second birthday, who has not obtained a high school diploma or its equivalent...and who because of temporary or permanent adjustment difficulties or attributes arising from a developmental delay or intellectual, sensory, neurological, emotional, communication, physical factors, specific learning or health impairment or combination thereof, they would be unable to progress effectively in a developmentally appropriate education program and would require special education."

In order to meet the needs of our students, a wide variety of services are provided. A number of these services and their providers cover the entire nine town district, while others are found in individual districts.

System-wide services are provided and consist of occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech-language therapy, and the services of an Early Childhood Coordinator. A great deal of the therapy provided is on a one-to-one or small group basis. The goals and objectives that the therapist and student work on are addressed in the child's Individualized Education Plan. These goals and objectives are periodically reviewed so the child's program will continuously provide for the best possible program.

The Early Childhood Coordinator is responsible for implementing federally mandated child search activities in the nine town area throughout the year. The Early Childhood Coordinator coordinates and/or participates in: a) special needs screening of pre-schoolers ages 3 to 5 years; b) special needs screening of Kindergartners; and c) Team meetings for preschoolers and Kindergartners. The Early Childhood Coordinator also acts as a liaison with outside agencies serving young children in and from our district. In addition the Early Childhood Coordinator also acts as a resource person to parents, teachers, and other school staff in regards to resources, programs and services for young special needs children.

There are two primary goals in our special education program, one is to "*mainstream*", that is, to integrate the children into the regular education program as much as possible. We have also embarked on a program of "*full inclusion*", where and whenever possible, which maintains the child in the classroom all-day, regardless of the disability.

There are ten special needs rooms throughout the nine town district. Most of the students serviced by these programs are seen for subject areas such as language arts, math study skills, etc., while also developing strategies and techniques which are aimed at helping children to both cope and/or remediate the effects of their disabilities on learning. The special education instructor often coordinates the child's program with that of the regular education program. With the added assistance of the special education aides, the goals and objectives of each child's Individual Education Plan are implemented and regularly evaluated.

Each of the schools within our district receives services from a school psychologist. The school psychologist contributes a variety of services to our schools, chief among these services are their assessments of an individual's ability and the counseling provided to individuals.

All of the support services provided within our nine town district depend upon the strong networking of talented individuals. Parents (through individual and Parent Advisory Council support), school personnel, and outside support agencies, all assist in providing guidance in programs for children in both special and regular education programs. It is this coordinated effort that strengthens special education programs and enables us to meet the special needs of those we serve.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM HICKEY,
Director of Special Education

School Library/Media Center Report

This past year has been characterized by collection development, expansion of volunteer programs, and the introduction of new technology. Our six school library/media centers have all experienced a year of stability and growth. The staff have remained as follows:

Buckland-Shelburne Regional School	Toni Wilcox
Colrain Central School	Eugenia Lynch
Hawlemont Regional Elementary School	Candy Cross
Rowe Elementary School	Wanda Musacchio
Sanderson Academy	Beverly Williams
Mohawk Trail Regional School	Julie DuPree
	Marjorie Porrovecchio
	Pat Hinds
	Susan Silvester

The School district library/media centers have embarked on a three year plan to implement an on-line, computerized library catalog system. The annual Block Grant allocation of just over $11,000 has enabled us to purchase basic computer equipment, a network system, and retrospective catalog conversion services from the Winnebago software company. We have also submitted a $5,000 Commonwealth Inservice Institute training and support grant.

Despite continuing budget challenges, the district circulation statistics have remained fairly constant as reflected in the following information:

K-12 District Circulation

Print Material	35,489
Non-Print Material	5,440
Inter-Library Loan	186
Total District Circulation	41,115

Library personnel have been involved in the new K-12 Educational Technology Committee, meetings with local public librarians, inservice programs sponsored by the Western Massachusetts Regional Library System, Children's Literature Festival in August, technology workshops and several area conferences. We are especially grateful to the many people who contributed books, magazines, time, and expertise. It has been a productive and exciting year in the field of school information services.

SUSAN B. SILVESTER, Ed.D.
Director of Instructional Media K-12

Ashfield Plainfield Regional School District

Balance Sheet as of June 30, 1993

After Transfers

ASSETS:		
CASH:		
United Bank	$ 22,980.58	
M.M.D.T.	77,519.85	$100,500.43
TO BE RECEIVED:		
Town of Ashfield		
Town of Plainfield		
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS		
TO BE RECEIVED:		
Chapter 70		
Chapter 71, Reg. Aid		
Chapter 71, Transp.		
Chapter 71, SPED Transp.		
Energy Assessment		
TUITION:		
TOTAL ASSETS:		$100,500.43

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES:		
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS:		
Blue Cross/Blue Shield		$ 2,641.23
BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD, OTHER		167.25
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	$ (1,020.97)	
MEALS TAX	(1.84)	(1,022.81)
GRANTS:		
School Improvement		
FY91	3.05	
Essential Skills FY93	400.10	
Eisenhower Math/ Science FY93	(3,732.89)	(3,329.74)
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS:		
INTEREST		
MISCELLANEOUS		
COMM. OF MA.		
TUITION		
BAND REVOLVING FUND		178.30

UNRESTRICTED SURPLUS	38,303.81
OPERATING BUDGET	
Encumbered Salaries FY 93	65,039.94
999 Misc. In & Out Account	(27.50)
Union Budget Reimbursement	(1,815.11)
Encumbered Salaries Union Budget	365.06
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND RESERVES:	$100,500.43

Mohawk Trail Regional School District

Balance Sheet as of June 30, 1993

ASSETS:			**LIABILITIES AND RESERVES:**		
Cash:			Capital Reserves		$ 20,980.00
United Bank NOW	$171,232.58		Asbestos Fund Balance		46,511.40
Bay Bank	10,436.29		Asbestos Interest Receipts		
M.M.D.T. - Asbestos	46,511.40		Gas Conv. Grant Fund Bal.		44,795.78
M.M.D.T. - Gas Conv.	44,795.78		Gas Conv. Int. Receipts		
M.M.D.T. - General Fund	126,423.62	$399,399.67	Handicapped Access Deficit		(12,828.56)
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:			Payroll Deductions:		
Town of:			Blue Cross/		
Ashfield			Blue Shield	$ 14,338.65	
Buckland			United Way	1.04	
Charlemont			Washington Insurance	372.58	14,712.27

Colrain
Hawley
Heath
Plainfield
Shelburne

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS:
Chapter 70 Gen. Aid
Chapter 71 Reg. Aid
Chap. 71 Transp.
Chap. 71 SPED Transp.
S.B.A.B. Grant

TUITION RECEIPTS:

TOTAL ASSETS $399,399.67

Blue Cross/Blue Shield Other 255.36

Cafeteria:
School Lunch 3,787.77
Meals Tax 0.00 3,787.77

Music Fund 32.64
Athletic Fund 2,366.62
Driver Education Account 527.02
Grants 4,213.28

Estimated Receipts:
Interest
Miscellaneous
Tuition
Comm. of MA

Rotating Salaries Account FY93 (7,304.70)
999 Misc. In & Out Account (53.68)
Unrestricted Surplus 51,136.28
Operating & Capital Budget Balance
Union Budget Expenditures & Reimb. (14,540.48)
Chapter 70 Belonging to Voc. Acct. 17,261.00
Chapter 71 Belonging to Voc. Acct. 12,773.00
General Fund User Fees 746.00
Encumbered Salaries FY93 206,808.83
Essential Skills Medicare Setaside FY93 3.91
Essential Skills Dir. Salary Setaside FY93 284.70
Driver Education Setaside FY93 176.11

Cafeteria Mgr. Salary Setaside FY93	3,249.44
Cafeteria Workers Salary Setaside FY93	2,550.72
Union Budget Payroll Setaside FY93	954.97
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	$399,399.67

Grant Balances as of June 30, 1993 Before Transfers

Chapter I FY93	$(12,650.31)
Chapter 2 Block Grant FY93	8.68
Early Intervention FY93	2,684.88
Eisenhower Math/Science	221.53
E.E.O.G.	1.00
Mohawk PALMS Connection FY93	831.00
Northwest Consortium Math & Science FY93	2,296.62
Pre-Referral/Integration	(2,010.09)
Project Intervene - Drug Free Schools	3,303.61
Training to Improve Early Childhood FY93	3,821.89
West County Resource Team FY93	10,024.74
Massachusetts Educational Assessment Program FY93	39.76
Mohawk District Integration Project FY93	(4,360.03)
Total	$ 4,213.28

Mohawk Trail Regional School District

Appropriations and Expenditures - FY 93

Appropriation Account	Appropriation	Expended
Administration		
School Committee Expenses	$ 20,205.00	$ 22,438.02
Treasurer Office Expenses	16,430.00	15,732.09
Superintendent Office Expenses	139,314.00	130,546.44
	$ 175,949.00	$ 168,716.55
Instructional		
Supervision/Coordinator Expense	$ 80,277.00	$ 77,107.40
Principal Office Expense	190,297.00	180,992.38
Classroom Teaching Expense	1,834,361.00	1,840,589.38
Textbook Expense	27,442.00	22,275.80
Library Expense	60,321.00	60,063.98
Audio-Visual Expense	19,479.00	19,639.63
Student Service (Guidance) Expense	136,464.00	137,568.14
Psychological Expense	55,359.00	57,673.06
	$2,404,000.00	$2,395,909.77
Other School Services		
Attendance Officer Services	$ 325.00	$ 325.00
Health Services	24,433.00	24,031.53
Pupil Transportation - Regular & SPED	522,525.00	549,509.66
Food Services	0.00	25,000.00
Athletics	1,251.00	1,451.00
	$ 548,534.00	$ 600,317.19
Operation & Maintenance of Plant		
Custodial	$ 162,783.00	$ 161,071.70
Electric/Gas	166,190.00	191,577.16
Rubbish Removal	2,000.00	4,616.74
Water Testing	1,500.00	725.00
Telephones	6,210.00	7,308.11
Yards & Grounds	6,750.00	5,983.37
School Bldg. Maint. & Repair	29,050.00	24,338.32
School Bdg. Equipment Maint.	22,264.00	6,236.37
	$ 396,747.00	$ 401,856.77
Fixed Charges		
Retirement Assessments	$ 64,370.00	$ 64,370.00
Unemployment Insurance Charges	7,000.00	6,191.83
FICA Medicare Health Payroll Tax	15,594.00	15,525.40
Hlth, Dntl, Life, Disability Coverages	330,091.00	311,386.22
Workmen's Compensation Premium	22,532.00	27,588.00
Other Insurances	25,808.00	22,383.00
Short-Term Interest	0.00	1,750.37
	$ 465,395.00	$ 449,194.82

Community Services	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Transportation-Private Schools	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Acquisition of Fixed Assets		
Acq. Improv. Sites-Architect	$ 0.00	$ 7,800.00
New Equipment	19,841.00	9,591.04
Replacement Equipment	21,681.00	6,671.25
	$ 41,522.00	$ 24,062.29
Debt Retirement		
10 Yr. Asbestos Principal	$ 32,500.00	$ 32,500.00
13 Yr. Govt. Asbest. Principal	5,000.00	5,000.00
Elev./Handicap Principal	23,000.00	23,000.00
10 Yr. Gas Conversion-Principal	29,600.00	29,600.00
10 Yr. Asbestos Interest & Cost	5,382.00	5,027.89
Elev. Handicap Interest, Fees & Cost	7,610.00	7,117.25
10 Yr. Gas Convers. Interest & Fees	15,708.00	15,949.47
Elev. Handicap Adjustment	2,149.00	0.00
10 Yr. Gas Adjustment	20,980.00	0.00
	$ 141,929.00	$ 118,194.61
Programs With Other Districts		
MA. Schools	$ 0.00	$ 6,719.25
Out-of-State Schools	25,255.00	27,382.42
Non-Public Schools	58,624.00	55,660.03
Collaboratives	6,491.00	4,463.04
	$ 90,370.00	$ 94,224.74
FY 93 - APPROPRIATIONS ONLY	$4,264,446.00	$4,252,476.74
M.T.R.S.D. TOTAL FY 93 EXPENDED		$8,580,911.68

Mohawk Trail Regional School District

Other Than Appropriations - FY 93

	Expended
Athletic Revolving	$ 49,988.60
Band Revolving	158.10
Cafeteria Revolving	117,307.57
Driver Ed Program	15,281.04
Newsletter - Elementary Schools	1,000.00
Vocational Brokering	515,846.84
Gas Conversion Project	4,079.50
School/Business Partnership	2.37

Encumbrances -		
From '92 Appropriations for Salaries		192,868.68
Grants & Revolvings to pay Smr. Sals. not encumbered		7,086.45
FY 93 Rotating Salaries		181,920.43
Union Items - Mohawk to be Repaid		103,901.94
Return of Funds Belonging to Others		90,549.95
Return of User Fees		1,500.00
Other Expense Items -		
Repayment to Come from Others		65,539.33
Federal Grants:		384,643.70
Drug Free Grants	$ 10,941.78	
ECIA Chapter 1 Remedial	170,544.95	
ECIA Chapter 2 Block	11,899.72	
EESA Title II Math/Science	14,180.78	
89-313 Early Intervention	23,261.35	
92-262 Summer Enrichment	12,535.03	
92-259 Early Childhood	26,965.61	
94-142 SPED Programs	100,621.79	
92-251 Home/School Collab.	432.60	
215 Prereferral	13,260.09	
State Grants:		289,228.28
Chapter 188 - Essential Skills	35,087.04	
Chapter 188 - EEOG	181,212.00	
Mntn. Basic Ed Skills	70,100.00	
Math/Science Connection	1,869.00	
MA Ed. Assess. Program	960.24	
Employees Withholdings, etc.		1,156,132.16
Vocational Rollover		405,000.00
Elevator/Handicap Access Rollover		115,000.00
Asbestos Rollover		65,000.00
Gas Conversion Rollover		266,400.00
Repayment of "Borrowed in Anticipation"		300,000.00
FY93 TOTAL - OTHER THAN APPROPRIATIONS		$4,328,434.94

Mohawk Trail Regional School District
Vocational Account

Balance Sheet as of June 30, 1993
After Transfers

ASSETS:			**LIABILITIES:**	
Cash			Expenses:	
M.M.D.T.	$207,960.14		Interest Payable	
State Street	11,140.39	$219,100.53	Miscellaneous	
			Transportation	
Accounts Receivable:			Tuition Expense	
Towns		385,897.45		
			Notes Payable	$605,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS		$604,997.98		
			Interest Earnings	
			Miscellaneous Receipts	
			Town of Cummington:	
			Transportation	
			Expense & Reimbursement	(2.02)
			BALANCE	$604,997.98

List of Appropriations - Fiscal 1994

The following is a true list of appropriations voted at the Annual Town Meeting held on May 1, 1993:

	Trans/Bor.	Taxation	Avail. Funds
Admin. Assistant		$ 15,000.00	
Accountant		7,000.00	
Appeals Bd.		360.00	
Assessors Exp.		19,700.00	
Audit & Accounting		2,750.00	
Belding Library		10,500.00	
Blue Cross		45,000.00	
Bonds		800.00	
Bldg. Insp. Program		15,262.62	
Civil Defense Expense		150.00	
Conservation Commission			
Transfer to Wetlands Fund			$ 350.00
Council on Aging		1,711.50	
County Dispatch		11,379.06	
Dog Officer Expense		150.00	
Elections		476.75	
Employee Benefits			
Sick Leave		3,200.00	
Vacations, etc.		12,000.00	
Fires/Equipment		16,620.00	
Fire Protection		1,693.52	
Fire Truck Loan			
Principal		20,000.00	
Interest		1,396.16	
Fuel Expense Acct.			
Fire		750.00	
Highway/Ambulance		13,000.00	
Police		4,000.00	
Health Board		550.00	
Health District		12,658.80	
Heating Town Buildings		4,000.00	
Highway			
Machinery Maint. Expense		40,000.00	
New Dump Truck/Plow/Sander			
Transfer from Stab. Fund			55,000.00
Super.'s Salary		30,628.00	
Historical Commission		200.00	
Inspector of Animals		150.00	
Insurance			
Public Offic. Liability		3,350.00	
Property, Liability, Fleet		23,500.00	
Interest on Loans		6,500.00	
Lifeguard		4,000.00	
Medicare/Social Security		9,500.00	
Memorial Day		500.00	
Office Expenses		4,000.00	
Parks/Beach		3,900.00	

Planning Board Expense		1,635.00	
Police Chief Salary		29,484.00	
Police Chief Holiday Pay		1,144.00	
Police Dept.		28,000.00	
Registrars of Voters		500.00	
Reserve Fund		10,000.00	
Retirement System		22,300.00	
Roads			
Repair - Chap. 33	$ 152,827		
Gen. Highway - Chap. 81	(497)	65,000.00	
Winter Roads		70,000.00	
Schools			
Ashfield/Plainfield		474,485.00	
Mohawk Trail		556,916.00	
Sewer Loan			
Principal		9,750.00	
Interest		341.25	
Soldiers' Graves		700.00	
Street Lights		3,500.00	
Street Lists		451.00	
Tax Collector's Exp.		3,500.00	
Town Clerk's Exp.		650.00	
Town Counsel		7,500.00	
Town Hall (Maint.)		4,000.00	
Town Officers			
Selectmen (Chairman)		1,000.00	
Selectmen (2 @ $800.00)		1,600.00	
Assessor (Chairman)		1,000.00	
Assessors (2 @ $800.00)		1,600.00	
Moderator		100.00	
Treasurer		4,000.00	
Tax Collector		4,000.00	
Town Clerk		3,000.00	
Fire Chief		800.00	
Dog Officer		400.00	
Board of Health (3 @ $300.00)		900.00	
School Comm. Chairman		200.00	
School Comm. (2 @ $150.00)		300.00	
Town Reports		2,000.00	
Transfer Station		45,000.00	
Hilltown Resource Mgt.		5,831.00	
Treasurer's Expense		1,000.00	
Tree Warden		3,000.00	
Unemployment Comp.		500.00	
Vet. Benefits		100.00	
Vet. Center		4,266.85	
Workmen's Comp.		13,750.00	
	$ 152,827.00	$1,730,540.51	$ 55,350.00

ATTEST: LORRAINE GORDON
Town Clerk

Town Meeting Warrant

NOTE: This Warrant is for the voter's information only and changes, additions and/or deletions may occur prior to the posting of the Official Warrant.

FRAKLIN, SS:

To any of the Constables of the Town of Ashfield in the County of Franklin, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Ashfield, on Saturday, May seventh, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. TO CHOOSE A MODERATOR, AUDITOR, TOWN CLERK, TREASURER, TREE WARDEN, CONSTABLE, AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER all for ONE YEAR TERMS. A FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER, PLANNING BOARD MEMBER, AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER, all for TWO YEAR TERMS. A SELECT BOARD MEMBER, ASSESSOR, BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBER, FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER, SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER, AND PARK COMMITTEE MEMBER, all for THREE YEAR TERMS. PLANNING BOARD MEMBER AND A BELDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY TRUSTEE, all for FIVE YEAR TERMS. Polls shall close at 6:00 pm.

ARTICLE 2. TO ACT ON THE REPORTS OF THE TOWN OFFICERS.

ARTICLE 3. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE AND/OR TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS IN THE TREASURY THE FOLLOWING SUMS OF MONEY TO PAY FOR THE EXPENSES OF GENERAL GOVERNMENT, OR ACT RELATIVE THERETO:

Administrative Assistant	$ 15,375.00
Accountant	7,000.00
Appeals Board	360.00
Assessors' Expenses	19,284.00
Assessors' Equipment	2,500.00
Audit & Accounting	2,750.00
Bonds	800.00
Conservation Commission	350.00
Elections	1,090.25
Heating Town Buildings	4,000.00
Insurance: Town Bldg./Equipment	16,000.00
Public Officials Liability	1,500.00
Office Expenses	4,200.00
Planning Board	1,635.00
Registrars of Voters	500.00
Street Lists	450.00
Tax Collector's Expenses	3,385.00

Town Clerk's Expenses	645.00
Town Counsel	7,500.00
Town Hall Maintenance	4,000.00
Town Hall Renovation	5,000.00
TOWN OFFICER SALARIES	
Selectman, Chr.	1,000.00
Selectmen (2 @ $800)	1,600.00
Assessor, Chr.	1,000.00
Assessors (2 @ $800)	1,600.00
Moderator	100.00
School Committee Chr.	200.00
School Committee (2 @ $150)	300.00
Tax Collector	4,000.00
Town Clerk	3,000.00
Treasurer	4,000.00
Town Reports	2,000.00
Treasurer's Expenses	1,000.00

ARTICLE 4. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE AND/OR TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS IN THE TREASURY THE FOLLOWING SUM OF MONEY, OR ACT RELATIVE THERETO:

Reserve Fund	10,000.00

ARTICLE 5. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE FOLLOWING SUMS OF MONEY TO PAY THE EXPENSES OF PUBLIC SAFETY, OR ACT RELATIVE THERETO:

Franklin Cty. Inspector Program		15,830.72
Civil Defense		
County Dispatch		5,000.00
Dog Officer Expenses		150.00
Dog Officer Salary		150.00
Fire Chief's Salary		800.00
Fire Department		18,500.00
Fire Protection		1,693.52
Fuel Expense Account:	Fire	750.00
	Hwy/Amb.	13,000.00
	Police	4,000.00
Police Chief Salary		28,700.00
Police Chief Holiday Pay		1,103.80
Police Department		31,070.00
Tree Warden		3,000.00

ARTICLE 6. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE FOLLOWING SUMS OF MONEY TO PAY HIGHWAY AND ROAD EXPENSES, OR ACT RELATIVE THERETO:

General Highway Chapter 81	75,000.00
Machinery Maint. Expenses	44,400.00
New Machinery: Loader/Plow	
Street Lights	3,500.00
Hwy. Superintendent's Salary	31,394.00
Winter Roads	72,500.00

ARTICLE 7. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE FOLLOWING SUMS TO FUND THE FOLLOWING CULTURAL/RECREATIONAL COSTS, OR ACT RELATIVE THERETO:

Belding Memorial Library	11,655.00
Historical Commission	200.00
Lifeguard	4,000.00
Parks and Beach	3,900.00
Memorial Day	500.00
Youth Commission	4,440.00
Human Relations Commission	300.00

ARTICLE 8. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE FOLLOWING SUMS OF MONEY TO PAY THE COSTS OF SANITATION SERVICES, OR ACT RELATIVE THERETO:

Hilltown Resource Management	5,831.00
Inspector of Animals	150.00
Transfer Station	45,000.00

ARTICLE 9. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS OF MONIES TO PAY THE FOLLOWING HEALTH SERVICES EXPENSES, OR ACT RELATIVE THERETO:

Foothills Health District	12,883.20
Health Board Expenses	550.00
Health Board Salary (3 @ $300)	900.00

ARTICLE 10. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE FOLLOWING SUMS OF MONEY FOR THE FISCAL 1995 OPERATING COST BUDGET OF THE SCHOOLS, OR ACT RELATIVE THERETO:

Mohawk Trail Regional School District	937,536.00
Vocational	76,362.00

ARTICLE 11. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE FOLLOWING SUMS TO PAY FOR HUMAN SERVICES, OR ACT RELATIVE THERETO:

Care of Soldiers' Graves	700.00
Council on Aging	1,797.00
Veterans' Benefits	100.00
W. Franklin Vets Dist.	3,472.45

ARTICLE 12. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE SUCH SUMS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO DEFRAY CHARGES FOR THE FOLLOWING DEBT SERVICE ACCOUNTS, OR ACT RELATIVE THERETO:

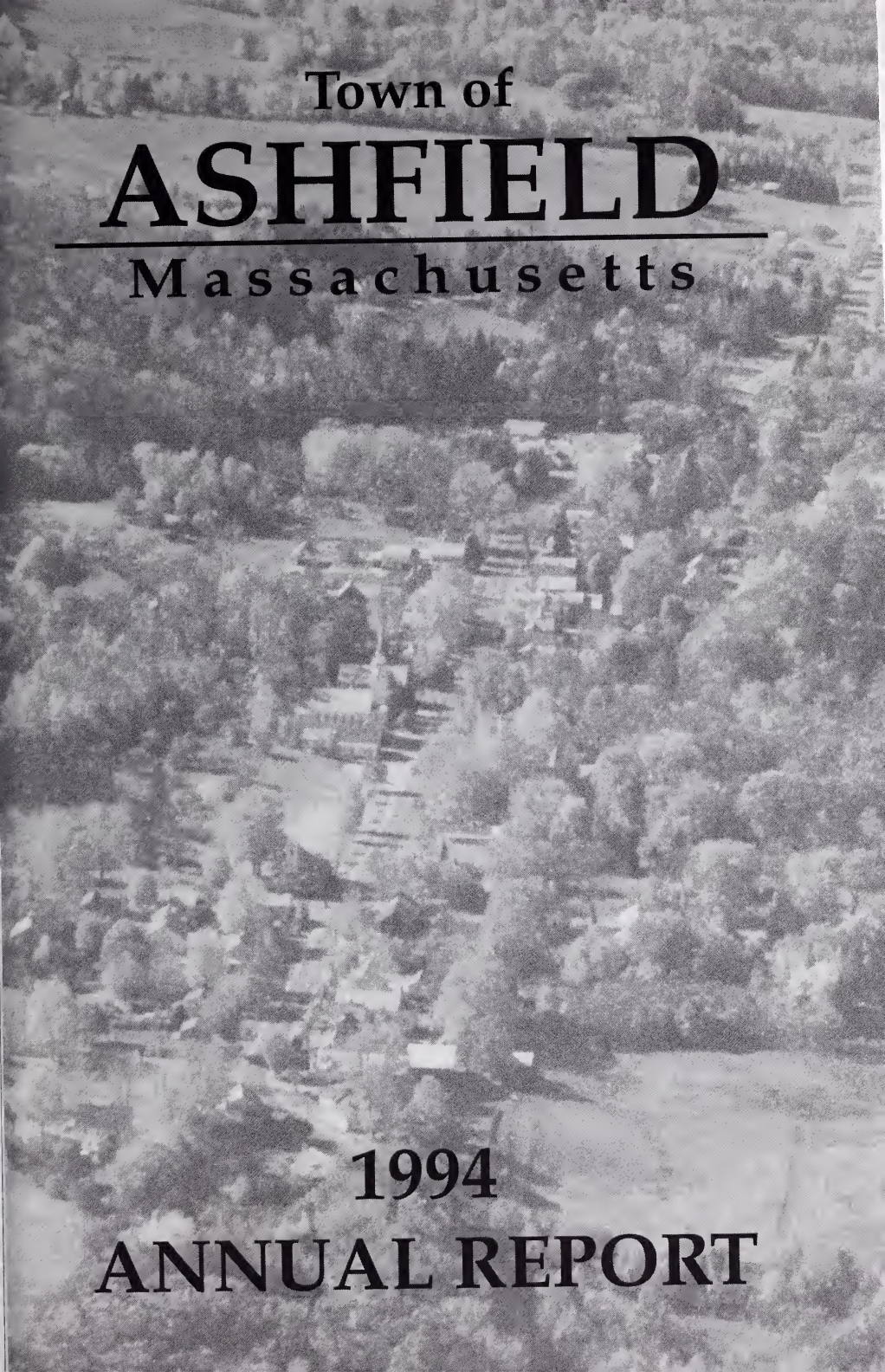
Fire Truck Loan: Principal	20,000.00
Interest	800.00
Sewer Loan: Principal	15,000.00
Interest	1,099.47
Interest on Loans	6,500.00

ARTICLE 13. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE SUCH SUMS OF MONEY AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO DEFRAY TOWN CHARGES FOR THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS, OR ACT RELATIVE THERETO:

Health Insurance	35,500.00
Medicare	9,500.00
Retirement System	21,900.00
Sick Leave	7,750.00
Unemployment	500.00
Vacations, Personal, Bereavement	12,600.00
Worker's Compensation	10,500.00



(courtesy of Sally Straus)


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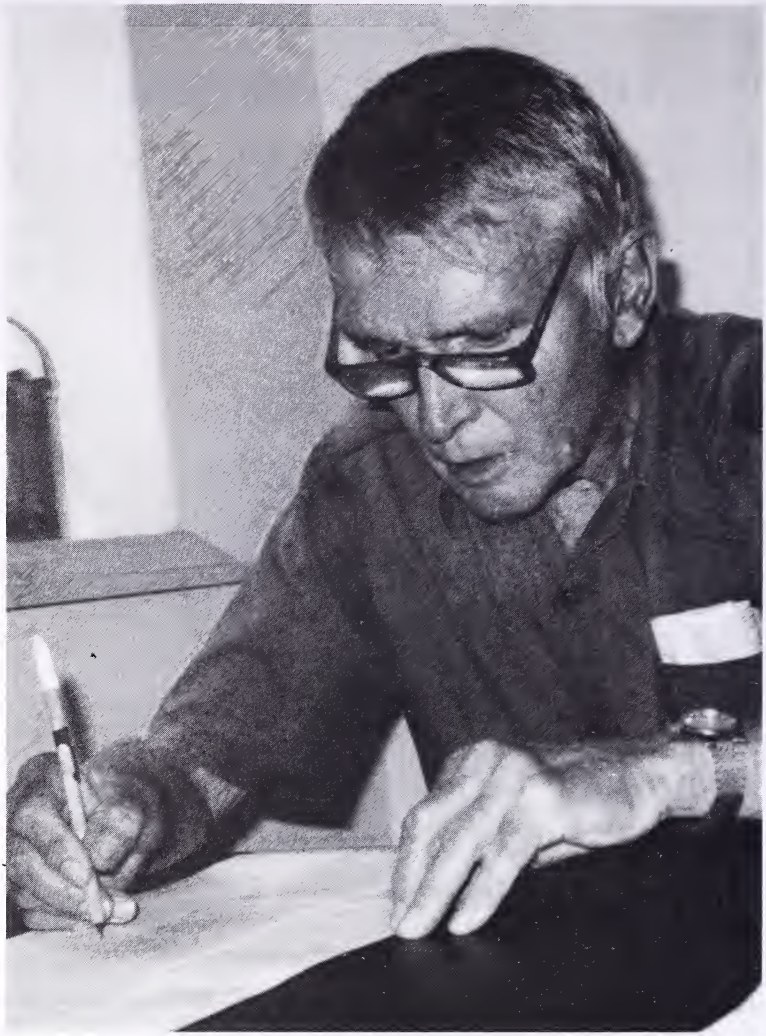
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DEDICATION



RUSSELL FESSENDEN

We dedicate this year's Town Report, with the Town of Ashfield's love and gratitude, to RUSSELL FESSENDEN.

Of old Ashfield stock (his grandfather served as Ashfield's physician for over forty years), Russ was born in Rochester, New York, graduated from Oberlin College and completed a doctorate in English literature at Cornell University. Married to his beloved Kay before joining the Army, he fought in Europe during World War II.

After the war Russ and Kay moved to Washington, where he entered the State Department. In 1954, he joined the elite ranks of the Foreign Service. For nineteen years, through the rebuilding of Europe and the Cold War years, he held leading positions in American embassies at Paris, Brussels, and Bonn, Germany. There he routinely briefed presidents and prime ministers and helped to build and maintain a stable peace.

After his retirement in 1973, Russ and Kay returned to Ashfield (he had spent many summers here as a child, visiting his grandfather). Shortly thereafter he was appointed to the Conservation Commission and served several years as its chairman. He also served as president of the Ashfield Water Company and, from 1979 to 1983 on the Board of Selectmen.

Residents of Ashfield recall, with special pleasure, Russ's recent service as chronicler of the Town's weather for The Ashfield NEWS. Many times we could hardly believe what he told us; we were SURE that this year's weather broke all records. But when Russ said it was actually a lot like the winter of 1983 or the summer of 1988, it helped to put our woes in perspective.

We honor Russ not only for his professional achievements and civic service, but for his encyclopedic knowledge of the Town's history, his warm welcome to newcomers, his gentle wit and keen intelligence, his courage, and, most of all, for the example he has provided all his life long of dedication to family and community.



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Term expires January, 1999

Margaret Striebel, Gill
Term expires January, 1997

John J. Stobierski, Chairman, Whately
Term expires January, 1997

TOWN OFFICERS

The Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors hold regular weekly meetings every Monday evening at the Town Offices in the Town Hall from 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

MODERATOR
RICHARD M. EVANS

AUDITOR
PATRICIA AUCHARD

1 yr. terms

TOWN CLERK
ANNE YURYAN

TREASURER
JANET M. SWEM

TREE WARDEN
ROBERT A. LAPOINTE

TAX COLLECTOR 3 yr. term

MARIAN C. FITZGERALD	Term expires 1997

BOARD OF SELECTMEN 3 yr. term

DONALD L. ROBINSON, Chr.	Term expires 1995
BILL PERLMAN	Term expires 1996
JOHN L. MATTIS	Term expires 1997

BOARD OF ASSESSORS 3 yr. term

PETER H. WIITANEN, Chr.	Term expires 1997
LAURA B. ARRUDA	Term expires 1995
LEONARD H. ROBERTS	Term expires 1996

FINANCE COMMITTEE 3 yr. term

THOMAS G. CRANSTON,Chr.	Term expires 1995
PHILIP E. PLESS	Term expires 1996
THOMAS S. CARTER	Term expires 1996
HOWARD TOCMAN (app't 8/94)	Appt. expires 1995
DIANNE MULLER (app't 1/95)	Appt. expires 1995

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE 3 yr. term

THOMAS ULRICH, Chr.	Term expires 1995
STEVEN A. SAUTER	Term expires 1997
NORMAN L. RUSSELL	Term expires 1996

BOARD OF HEALTH 3 yr. term

DUNCAN B. COLTER	Term expires 1996
HARRY L. DODSON	Term expires 1997
THOMAS S. LEUE, Chr.	Term expires 1995

CONSTABLES 3 yr. term

JOHN A. LaBELLE	Term expires 1995
STEVEN W. GREENMAN	Term expires 1995
DAVID RANNIKKO (resigned 8/94)	Term expires 1995
RAYMOND REDFERN (app't 8/94)	Term expires 1995

PARK COMMISSIONERS 3 yr. term

ROBERT W. GRAHAM (resigned 7/94)	Term expires 1995
BEVERLY LABELLE, Chr. (app't 7/94)	Appt. expires 1995
HOLLY M. TIRRELL (resigned 8/94)	Term expires 1997
ROBERT M. LEVENSON	Term expires 1996
KAREN M. SCHLICHTER (app't 9/94)	Appt. expires 1995

PLANNING BOARD 5 yr. term

GRACE E. LESURE	Term expires 1998
ANNE YURYAN	Term expires 1995
WALTER CUDNOHUFSKY, Chr.	Term expires 1997
ALDEN J. GRAY	Term expires 1999
MICHAEL FITZGERALD (App't 6/94)	Appt. expires 1995

LIBRARY TRUSTEES 5 yr. term

DIANA M. BENNETT	Term expires 1998
D. TIERTZA LEAH SCHWARTZ, Chr.	Term expires 1997
HELENE G. LEUE	Term expires 1995
ELLEN M. MILLER	Term expires 1996
MELINDA J. GOUGEON (resigned 8/11/93)	Term expires 1997
DAVID F. KING	Term expires 1999

The following offices are filled by Appointment:

BOARD OF APPEALS

M. DIANNE MULLER (resigned 1/95)	June 1996
CLAYTON C. CRAFT	June 1997
STUART A. HARRIS	June 1998
JOHN F. McNIFF, Chr.	June 1995
KENNETH A. LILLY, Assoc.	June 1995

ARTS COUNCIL

STEVEN P. SMITHERS, Chr.	June 1996
ELICE D. PIEROPAN	June 1996
JANE LUND (App't. 8/94)	June 1997
BEVERY K. DUNCAN	June 1997
FRED H. REES (App't 9/94)	June 1997
SUSAN R. McGOWAN	June 1997
JOHN B. WERNER	June 1997

ASHFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION

ELIZABETH B. BEEBE (resigned 6/94)	June 1996
RUTH J. CRAFT	June 1996
RICHARD H. TURNER	June 1997
MARGARET S. KEITH, Chr.	June 1996
SUSAN R. McGOWAN	June 1995
ERIC A. NELSON	June 1997
JOHN H. BOS (App't 5/94)	June 1997
RONALD W. JOHNSON (App't 7/94)	June 1997

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

RICHARD G. MULLER, JR., Chr.	June 1995
STEPHEN G. TILLEY	June 1996
ERIC A. NELSON	June 1997
DONALD N. LESURE (resigned 1/95)	June 1997
WILLIAM R. FITZGERALD	June 1996

COUNCIL ON AGING

CASSANDRA B. NAWROCKI	June 1996
SYLVIA MONK, Chr.	June 1997
GEORGE C. MONK	June 1995
SALLY G. STRAUSS	June 1995

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT BOARD

THOMAS A. McCRUMM, Chr.	June 1995
DOUGLAS A. CRANSON	June 1996
GILBERT H. HOWES (App't 9/94)	June 1997

AMERICANS with DISABILITY ACT COMMITTEE

RICHARD H. TURNER JR. — DIANA M. BENNETT
MARGARET A. McGUIRE — JAMES A. CAIN
AARON W. CLARK

YOUTH COMMISSION

ALYSON L. PATCH, Chr. — THOMAS A. McCRUMM
MARGARET McGUIRE — JOHANNA ANDERSON
LAWRENCE E. PARNESS

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

HELEN BOYDEN — ANDREA SEARS
NOAH GORDON (resigned 1/95) — Rev. BETH LONG
RAYMOND G. REDFERN — PETER ELENOIS
JEAN FERRIS

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

SUSAN A. GAMBINO — RUTH J. CRAFT
ANNE YURYAN — JANICE W. SCOTT

SEWER CONNECTION COMMITTEE

ELEANOR M. WARD — BRUCE A. BENNETT
PHILIP F. NOLAN, JR — PETER WIITANEN

AMBULANCE SERVICE
DOUGLAS MOLLISON, Director

CHIEF OF POLICE
RAYMOND G. REDFERN

FIRE CHIEF & FOREST WARDEN
DOUGLAS M. FIELD

BUILDING INSPECTOR PROGRAM
VICTOR STALEY, Building Inspector

WIRING INSPECTION PROGRAM
EDWARD F. MARCHEFKA, Wiring Inspector

PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTION PROGRAM
PAULIN J. BUKOWSKI, Plumbing & Gas Inspector

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR
CARMEN J. DeLUCA, JR.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT
LESLIE C. LADD

VETERANS' AGENT
JOHN EVANS

BURIAL AGENT, ACTING
RALPH E. TOWNSLEY

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER
WARREN KIRKPATRICK

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS
KIM L. REARDON

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
ALBERT J. CORMIER

FIELD DRIVERS
E. WILL HEISER
ROLAND E. TOWNSLEY

FENCE VIEWERS
ALDEN J. GRAY

SURVEYOR OF WOOD & LUMBER
RAMON R. SEARS

FREDERICK W. WELLS TRUSTEE
DOUGLAS A. CHANDLER — May 1996

CARL NILMAN SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
EDWIN P. NYE — September 1995

SELECT BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

This year since the Annual Town Meeting of 1994 has been one of planning, preparations and high expectancy.

Our main effort has been to plan the installation of a new sewer and wastewater treatment plant. Last winter, we purchased land at the corner of Route 116 and Emmett Road to be the site of our new solar aquatics treatment plant. It made major news in Boston and Springfield that we had decided on an innovative technology for the treatment of our wastewater. Our Board of Health and Conservation Commission worked hard to prepare the necessary applications and permits.

There were a few exciting moments! Just as we readied to invite contractors to bid on the construction jobs, we were told that the regional office of a federal agency had rejected our application for funding. A frantic effort ensued and produced a dramatic result: in the end, we received over one million dollars more in grant money and favorable loan rates than we had originally expected. A decisive factor in this successful effort was that the local preparations had been so careful and complete. Tom Leue and Dick Muller deserve special credit for this result.

Another major project that moved into high gear this year was preparing to build a new elementary school to replace the ancient and honorable, but outdated, Sanderson Academy. Already we have purchased land at the corner of Cape Street (Route 112) and Spruce Corner Road, and engaged an architect, Margo Jones Associates, to design the building and grounds. Members of our School Committee, led by Steve Sauter, have led us strongly toward building better facilities for educating our children. The same group, led in this instance by Tom Ulrich, have accomplished a smooth transition to the new structure for "K through 12" education reform. Our assessment from the Mohawk Trail Regional School District actually fell this year!

Ever since the passage of the Americans With Disabilities Act by Congress in 1991, we have been looking for a way to make our beautiful Town Hall more accessible to handicapped and elderly people, so that we can continue to hold Town Meetings, Fall Festival and concerts and other major community-wide events there. Last fall our application for a grant was successful. With assistance from the Committee on Handicapped Accessibility and the Historical Commission, we have developed a design that will make this center of Town life accessible to those folks who have a hard time climbing stairs, while at the same time enhancing the beauty and preserving the historic character of the building.

Also this year we have made extensive improvements to the first floor of Town Hall, to increase available office and storage space. The result is a handsome new office for Priscilla Phelps, our Administrative Assistant, and less cramping for Anne Yuryan, Eleanor Ward and Janet Swem. We are now working on improving the phone system so that the maze of lines leading to the building can be removed.

Last summer, a new dispatch system for emergency services began operation at the State Police headquarters building in Shelburne. The transition was smooth; few problems were encountered in the start-up phase, and those that did emerge have been speedily corrected, We look forward to the initiation of a full 911 system in the near future.

The Town's children have benefitted from a newly invigorated Youth Program,

generously funded by grants from the DARE program. Our Police Chief, Ray Redfern, and Anne Mislak, principal of Sanderson Academy, were mainly responsible for those applications. Our Commission on Youth Programs, chaired by Allison Patch, oversees a fine program, both summer and winter, for our school-age children.

A bright future beckons for this Town. We must stay alert to anticipate it with sound planning. We need especially to think about the Town center, where the building that has housed Sanderson Academy will soon be vacated. We are also committed (by a promise to the Attorney General's Office) to finding new quarters for the highway department. In the meantime, we must restore the beauty and increase the usefullness of Belding Park. The Park Commission will play a major role in these efforts.

We must also anticipate that the center of Town will be badly disrupted this next year, for the building of the new sewer and water systems. In due course, however, the state highway will be rebuilt (we have seen the survey teams at work all winter), lined by sidewalks. The new trees planted with such care over the past several years will grow and assume their handsome places. The Library will continue to flourish. The Fire Department, Ambulance Service and Police Department will maintain their reassuring vigils.

Ashfield is a wonderful blend of tradition and innovation, of old-time residents and newcomers, of enterprise and rest. Its common life is enriched by the contributions of many people. People who view us from outside are continually amazed at the evidence here of dedication to civic life. Sometimes, in jest, we calculate, at an hourly rate, the value of the time our volunteer and "paid" officials devote to the Town's business. Why do we do it? For love, mostly - and because we value our life together so highly.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald L. Robinson, Chair
Bill Perlman
John L. Mattis
Board of Selectmen

ASHFIELD AMBULANCE

This past year the Ashfield Ambulance Service has again seen an increase in the need for our services. It seems that our "On Duty" time is never ending. We had a total of 96 runs this past year. These were all "Emergency" runs. We did, as we have for the past 10 or so years, no "routine" transports. Because of the limited number of EMT's that we have we can not provide this service as we use to .

At this time we have only 14 registered EMT's. At years end we had three people that did not register. I can understand their reasons. We all wish to say "Thank you"; but add that we'll miss you. We have 3 people that are presently waiting to take the state exam. This will help us greatly. We continue to be hoping that more of our fellow townspeople will come forward and "Volunteer" their time as EMT's. At this time we are relying on EMT's from Hawley and Buckland to help us, especially in the daytime hours. These people are part of the 14 that we have registered. I think that the Town of Ashfield owes these people alot of Thanks. As a side note we don't even cover their towns only under Mutual Aid.

The year 1997 is fast approaching and this is the year that we have marked to replace the Ambulance. The State of Mass. requires that we replace after 10 years of use. We now are beginning to have numerous mechanical problems with the Ambulance. So far "Knock on wood" they have all been minor.

The EMT's all unanimously say that the Town of Ashfield should purchase the rig as we are all "volunteering" our time at no cost to the Town. My hope is that the Townspeople will agree with this.

I would like to thank the many people who have donated money to the service either as a memorial or just a donation, as this is the only income that we work with. We will continue as long as possible to operate a "FREE" service to the Townspeople of Ashfield and their guests.

Lastly, this year I am listing the EMT's so that maybe you, the Townspeople of Ashfield, will as you greet them on the street say "Thank you" to these people even if you never need them in their capacity as EMT's. Without these few "Volunteers" we would be looking at a commercial service.

Roberta Evans	Dick Arabia	Pam Donovan
Ken Pearson	Karen Schlicter	Will Elwell
Sandee Mizula	Phil Lussier	Barb Wickland
Sharon Wickland	Alison Page	Michael Churchill
Brian Thomas		

Also without the continued support from Janice Scott, the Dispatchers, Doug Field, Del Haskins, Bob Lapointe, Bryan Mollison and many others we could not continue to provide you service.

As always,

Douglas Mollison
Ashfield Ambulance Director

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT

The Ashfield Animal Control Officer's position is becoming more complex due to the present rabies epidemic and the additional/revised legislative animal laws. I have been spending more time educating myself on all domestic and wild animal issues.

In October of this year I was appointed Animal Control Officer. A job description was drawn by the selectmen and myself which, hopefully, will assist the townspeople with the many situations that arise. Several townspeople have requested information about the current rabies problem. I have informational pamphlets that answer the most-often asked questions about this serious disease. Please feel free to contact me with any of your questions or concerns. During this past year we sent two specimens to Boston for rabies testing and both tested negative. This was welcomed news and, as to date, we have had no confirmed cases of rabies in Ashfield. We did have several humans injured by animals this year. Due to prompt reporting, investigating and medical treatment, no humans faced treatment of this dreaded disease.

As a reminder, all dogs six months and older must be licensed by April first of each year. In order to obtain a dog license, an up- to-date rabies certificate must be presented to the town clerk. Ashfield has a year round dog restraining order. Dog owners are fully responsible for any expenses resulting from damage done by an unrestrained dog.

I would like to remind cat or small animal owners that the North Eastern Coyote is an opportunist hunter and one of the fastest on four legs. Small, unattended domestic animals are easy prey for this adept predator.

I want to thank all the people who have supported and assisted me in performing my duties as Ashfield's Animal Control Officer. Anyone having questions or concerns can reach me at (413) 628-3811. All lost and found animal notices are posted in the Post Office, Elmer's and Nolan's stores.

Dogs placed	2
Dogs confined	6
Cats placed	9
Cats confined	9
Phone calls	2,964
Mileage	2,158
Labor hours	1,300
Fines collected	$48.00
Kennel expenses	$314.07
Other animals confined	2

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN KIRKPATRICK
Animal Control Officer

REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

1994 was a quiet year. Only one matter came before the Board. And that matter was a petition to the Board to reissue a variance it had already issued twice before. The rights granted by a variance lapse if they are not exercised within one year of granting. Reissuance requires a full hearing on the petition as though it has never been before the board. It can be granted only after findings that the variance meets all the requirements of the law as would a new petition. This variance was reissued.

The board looks forward to the new proposed zoning by-laws. If enacted by the town, this board will take over some of the matters now handled by the Planning Board such as Special Permits for the alteration or enlargement of a lawful pre-existing non-conforming use. This shift of workload would allow the Planning Board more time to perform its planning responsibilities.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack McNiff, Chairman
Clayton Craft
M. Dianne Muller, Clerk
Stuart Harris, Assoc.
Ken Lilly, Assoc.

BELDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Library continues to serve as a family and community cultural and educational resource. The combination of an excellent staff, loyal patrons, community support, the work of the Board of Trustees, the Friends of the Library and the Western Massachusetts Regional Library System, all contribute to the vitality of the library.

The meeting room has been well used this year and the demand for it increases. The policy for use of this room has been amended so that there is no mandatory fee for functions and programs that are non-Profit and community oriented. Some of the activities have included yoga classes, art classes for children, Friends of the Library book sale during Fall Festival, the Historical Society meeting and programs, the Ashfield Chess Club, the Women's Reading Group and the annual friends meeting and wildlife lecture.

The library received a grant from the State of $2,000.00 with which to buy multicultural and life issue books for the new children's room. We acquired a total of 212 new books, which have made an important difference in the quality of information available to children.

We continue to belong to the Hilltown Video Circuit with Buckland, Shelburne. Shelburne Falls, Charlemont, Heath and Rowe. We circulated a total of 6,936 videos during 1994.

The Western Massachusetts Regional Library System is a great source of support for small libraries like ours, supplying us with books through regular bookmobile visits and inter-library loans. It also runs workshops and programs which benefit us in many ways. I recently completed "Library Administration," a 4 week course that is a requirement for our receiving State aid. The region also organizes regular meetings between small libraries in the hilltowns and beyond.

The Summer Family Program was made possible by the Massachusetts Council for the Arts, the Mary Priscilla Howes Fund, the Friends of the Library and the energy and dedication of Helene Leue and Carol Bromberg.

Some flowering trees and shrubs were planted in back of the library. Dianna Bennett, with the help of Ted Blaszak and the Boy Scouts, planted them and gave them a good start.

Nadine Smith, who has been on the staff for many years, and Pat Spees, who has been with us a shorter time, have both left to pursue other endeavors. Julie Meservey has joined us and is already proving herself invaluable.

My heartfelt thanks to all who helped in so many ways to enrich the library: Helen Ranney, Sally Straus, Christina Nawrocki and Kateline Branson for loaning collections for the display case; Suzanne Blaszak, Jennifer Chasse, Charles Duchin and Julie DuPree for the Saturday Morning Storytime; Dudty Fletcher for her inspiring children's drawing classes; Pat Arvidson, Nord Arvidson and Maureen Fuller for help with the Bookmobile; Sally Straus for her gardening and advocacy skills; the Community Preschool for being bulb fairies making spring brighter; David DiLuzzio for keeping the building and grounds in such excellent shape; all the Friends of the Library, especially Sherry Liimatainen, Mary Lucas, George and Syliva Monk, Marjorie Childers, Amy Shapiro and Donna Sarro; the volunteers who have filed, pasted and stamped for me all year, Sally Rice, Matt Sherman, Christina Nawrocki, Kim McCraw, Sam Scrimshaw, and most especially, Mary Lucas; Stuart Harris, Steve Sauter, Peter Marsters, Pat and Nord Arvidson, and Mark and Helene Leue for cleaning out the cellar; and Kay Fessenden for all her book repair work. And finally, thanks to our patrons, loyal readers all.

We circulated a total of 32,795 library materials. 164 new patrons were registered. Books purchased in 1994: 46 adult nonfiction; 36 juvenile non-fiction; 46 fiction; 63 juvenile fiction; 212 juvenile fiction and non-fiction from the LSCA grant. We received 253 books as gifts.

Anne Conrad Judson
Library Director

REPORT OF THE BELDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY TRUSTEES 1994

The trustees are pleased to report that 1994 was a productive and exciting year for the library and trustees. We were faced with the dual challenges of balancing decreased interest on our endowed funds due to low interests rates while working to maintain services with increased circulation and services. Circulation for 1994 increased to 23,795 from 23,255 in 1993. In 1994 we began tracking out of town patrons and will receive a small reimbursement for these 300 patrons from the state costs. Circulation increased in all areas and demonstrates how we meet the wide interests of our community. In addition to adult fiction and nonfiction we are pleased to report that we continue to circulate videos and have subscribed to several new periodicals. Many patrons take advantage of the Inter-library Loan Program which allows patrons to access books from Massachusetts and other states. The Inter-library Loan Program is provided through our affiliation with the MA Regional Library System.

Last year we enriched our collection by 656 books. We are especially pleased that 212 of the books were purchased through a special $2,000 state grant to enhance the children's collection adding a wide variety of multi-cultural books. Anne Judson did an excellent job developing the children's collection. We are also extremely grateful to the residents of Ashfield who donated 253 books and to the members of the Friends of Library Inc. for their generous donations for books.

The use of the meeting room has also increased and is used regularly by a wide variety of groups and individuals ranging from regular meetings for the Friends of the Library, the Chess Club and Reading Group to use during the Summer Children's Program and for art and yoga classes. The Board of Trustees amended the meeting room policy so that the space is available to all nonprofit and educationally oriented programs free of charge.

The library staff did an excellent job and the trustees thank Anne Judson Library Director, and Julia Meservy. We also thank Nadine Smith who worked for the library for many years and Pat Spees for her assistance and wish them good luck in their new endeavors. Anne Judson completed a course in Library Administration this fall and will take another course this spring. We are grateful to the Friends of the Library Inc. for a donation to cover the costs for the courses. As a new librarian Anne is required by the state Board of Library Commissioners to take a total of 6 courses over the next 4 years.

We thank Anne Judson for recruiting a loyal group of volunteers to assist the librarians in their work. Increased circulation has placed increased demand on the library staff and due to the limited hours the staff work the volunteers play a significant role in helping us to maintain services at the current level.

The trustee has received 2 memorial funds the interest from these funds is designated for specific purposes. One fund is a memorial in honor of Martha Justine Ratte from Lou and John Ratte, Claire Zimmerman and Christopher Ratte. The interest from this fund will be used to purchase children's books that are in addition to our regular book budget. A second fund honors Mr. Joseph Donald the father of Library Trustee Diana Bennett. Diana's father was an avid artist and the interest from this fund will be used to develop an Art Lending Program for patrons. We are very grateful that the Ratte and Bennett family thought of memo-

rializing their loved ones through a donation to the library.

Thanks to: our loyal and enthusiastic patrons for their continued support, the hardworking staff and the trustees (Diana Bennett, Ellen Miller, Helene Leue, and David King) for the many hours of time they volunteers in support of the library.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Tiertza-leah Schwartz
Chair of the Trustees

BELDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT, FY 1994

INCOME

Category	Budgeted	Actual as of June 30
Town Revenue	$10,500.00	$11,300.00
State Revenue	1,859.00	1,915.29
Trust Fund Interest	5,341.00	4,882.84
Reserve Fund Interest	325.00	300.00
Contributions	2,424.00	1,166.55
Transfer from Reserves	2,000.00	2,000.00
Transfer from Building Fund	0.00	1,500.00
Other	500.00	
Meeting Room Fees		90.00
Book Donations		683.65
Fines		55.00
Grants	2,000.00	2,000.00
Copy Proceeds		126.85
Other Interest		352.92
MPH Book Sales		240.00
Total Income	**$24,949.00**	**$26,613.10**

EXPENSES

Payroll	$12,142.00	$11,848.06
Payroll Taxes		723.47
Fringe Benefits—Health		800.00
Electricity	720.00	738.40
Telephone	452.00	528.49
Fuel Oil	1,442.00	1,234.44
Water	130.00	133.72
Books	3,983.00	2,824.96
Books, Reference	135.00	1,027.35
Subscriptions	375.00	418.45

Materials and Binding	100.00	306.14
LSCA Grant Purchases	2,000.00	1,664.51
Office Supplies	450.00	526.69
Safe Deposit Box	25.00	25.00
Postage	100.00	54.43
Travel	75.00	139.44
Training	50.00	0.00
Repairs	200.00	154.35
Treasurer Bond	150.00	0.00
Fire Alarm	120.00	135.00
Snow Removal	$200.00	$410.00
Mowing	300.00	295.00
Cleaning	1,520.00	938.75
Windows	180.00	0.00
Supplies	100.00	129.65
Miscellaneous		47.39
Landscaping and Improvements		1,063.97
Total Expenses	**$24,949.00**	**$26,167.66**

BELDING MEMORIAL PARK REPORT

In keeping with tradition, the Belding Memorial Park Commission had another successful season. No one drowned.

We know we sound like fools with all these safety rules; but they're the only reason that the beach is safe and sound.

On the flip side, we lost sleep through it all. It's hard to relax after hours. The safety rules are suspended when the lifeguard goes off duty; that doesn't mean that common sense is suspended too.

The diving board, that can't safely hold more than one diver at a time, doesn't hold three after 5pm. The forbidden flotation device gets no puncture-proof guarantee in the evening. And, the trusty dog doesn't lose his fangs, or constipate at sundown.

Yes, we know what the sign says! "At your own risk." It gets us off the hook in case of accident. But it never brings a victim back to life.

Your kids have won our hearts. They may have faults at home that we don't see. But from where we stand, they're angels. Let's keep them alive as long as we can.

A good summer to all,
Beverly LaBelle, Chair
Karen Schlichter
Bob Levenson

ANNUAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 1994

I herewith submit my Annual Report for the Building Inspector portion of the FCCIP for F.Y.'94. The total number of building permits increased almost 17% from F.Y.'93, which is also reflected in the 28% increase in total project valuations. The number of housing starts within the Cooperative Inspector Program increased 3% from F.Y.'93, totaling 90 dwelling units. Leverett, Bernardston, Buckland, Conway, and Shutesbury were the most active towns, accounting for 56% of the housing starts and 43% of the overall building permits.

Katherine (Katie) Ainsworth, clerk for the Plumbing and Wiring Inspectors and bookkeeper for the entire FCCIP program, chose to retire in the spring of 1994. Katie was a wealth of information concerning Franklin County towns and was an invaluable source of history and entertainment, allowing me a much clearer sense of the places and townspeople I work for. All of us in the office wish her well and much happiness in her retirement.

I would like to take this opportunity to alert my constituents to the Home Improvement Contractor Law, which requires that any person who performs residential contracting services must be registered with the Commonwealth as a Home Improvement Contractor, in compliance with the Consumer Protection Law that was enacted in July, 1992. If you hire someone to perform residential renovations, additions, alterations, porches, decks, siding, window replacement, masonry, and the like, and if they are not H.I.C. registered, then you (the consumer) will not be protected from certain types of fraud and you would not be supporting the thousands of professionals who are registered - in compliance with the laws of Massachusetts.

I thank all the residents, builders, town officials, and boards for their continued assistance, guidance, and cooperation with this office.

Victor E. Staley
Inspector of Buildings

FRANKLIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE INSPECTION

Fiscal Year Report for Building Permits July 1, 1993 to June 30, 1994

Town	Permits	Value	Dwell Units*	Permit Fees	Cert of Occ	Cert of Inspec**	C.I. Fees	Other Fees	Total
Ashfield	71	904,695	2	4,720.00	14	8	160.00	0.00	4,880.00
Bernardston	69	1,621,845	13	8,670.00	10	12	422.00	0.00	9,092.00
Buckland	84	1,973,342	10	11,597.00	6	10	195.00	0.00	11,792.00
Charlemont	51	649,903	6	4,015.00	10	14	244.00	0.00	4,259.00
Conway	81	1,424,258	8	7,455.00	7	4	40.00	0.00	7,495.00
Erving	66	547,935	1	3,194.00	3	3	40.00	0.00	3,234.00
Gill	68	1,196,117	5	6,036.00	8	31	1,393.00	0.00	7,429.00
Hawley	15	261,360	3	1,360.00	3	0	0.00	0.00	1,360.00
Heath	32	653,850	5	3,560.00	8	3	0.00	0.00	3,560.00
Leverett	84	2,322,749	12	13,230.00	13	9	120.00	0.00	13,350.00
Leyden	51	1,057,160	4	5,550.00	6	2	15.00	0.00	5,565.00
Monroe	7	18,730	0	175.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	175.00
Shelburne	62	1,944,297	6	10,301.00	10	27	825.00	10.00	11,136.00
Shutesbury	58	3,835,160	8	19,615.00	16	9	300.00	0.00	19,915.00
Whately	72	1,324,705	7	7,057.00	10	10	306.00	0.00	7,363.00
TOTALS	**871**	**$19,736,106**	**90**	**$106,535.00**	**124**	**142**	**4,060.00**	**$10.00**	**$110,605.00**

*2-Family and Multi-dwellings are issued only one permit per building.

**These figures reflect only those inspections which receive Certificates. Many other inspections are performed by B.I. but for various reasons no Certificates are issued.

FRANKLIN COUNTY SELECTMEN'S ASSOCIATION 1994 ANNUAL REPORT

At it's November 1993 meeting, the following officers were elected: Dennis Rindone, Selectman from Erving as President, Bruce Bennett, Selectman from Sunderland as 1st Vice-President, Jane Peirce Selectwoman from Orange, 2nd Vice-President, Michele Giaruso Selectwoman from Leyden as Secretary, Ed Billiel - Orange as Treasurer, Arlene Rodovich Selectwoman from Conway - Member at Large, Ann Banash Selectwoman from Gill - Member at Large, Betty Kirkwood Selectwoman from Deerfield - MMA representative, and Larry Carey Selectman from Warwick - MMA alternative.

The successful monthly Legislative/Selectman forum that was started in 1993 and generally held on a Friday afternoon at the Greenfield Town Hall continued on through 1994. This gives Franklin County Selectmen the opportunity to have a working dialogue with their legislators on a regular basis.

Our winter meeting was held February 10, 1994 at Bill's Restaurant in Greenfield. Our guest speaker was Geoffrey Beckwith, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Municipal Association. Jeff spoke on the FY 1995 proposed Governors Budget.

The Franklin County Selectmen's Association in conjunction with the Franklin County Commission formed a committee to testify before the Joint Committee on Transportation at the State House in Boston. We were successful in convincing the full legislature to increase Chapter 90 funding from 180 million dollars to 300 million over a two year period. Additional new language was also included as to how towns could spend those funds.

The Franklin County Selectmen's Association co-sponsored a Franklin-Hampshire Municipal Conference with Congressman John Olver and Senator Stan Rosenberg. This event took place at Greenfield High School on April 30, 1994. The round table discussions included economic development, local arts and financing, highways and bridges, and water quality. Special guest speaker was Senator Thomas Birmingham, Chair of Senate Ways and Means committee.

Our late spring meeting was held on June 2, 1994 at St. Kaziemerz Hall in Turners Falls. Our guest speaker was Secretary of Administration and Finance, Mark Robinson. This meeting allowed Selectmen to continue its working dialogue with the Weld Administration officials. Some of the subjects covered were diversion of lottery aid, gas tax, the governors budget, PILOT program, and other issues related to small towns.

A special summer meeting was held on July 12, 1994 at the Elks Club in Orange. Our special guest was Lt. Governor Paul Cellucci. Receiving our fair share of local aid was the theme for this important meeting. It was another fine opportunity for the leadership in Franklin and Worcester County to make their needs known to the Weld Administration. A question and answer session was held after the Lt. Governors speech. The meeting was well attended by officials from the legislature and the county.

The Selectmen's Association sponsored a tri-county selectmen workshop on September 17. 1994 at Pioneer Valley Regional High School in Northfield. Franklin, Berkshire, and Hampshire counties were invited to this all day Saturday workshop. The subject areas chosen were Municipal Law, Education Reform 95,

Available Grant money, and Americans with Disability Act (ADA) compliance. The association did a survey beforehand to see what topics were of the most interest to communities.

The Franklin County Selectmen's Association Executive Board decided that farming issues should be a topic pursued in 1995.

Our final meeting of 1994 took place on November 3 at Andiamo Restorante in Bernardston. Our special guest speaker was Secretary James Kerasiotes of the Executive Office of Transportation and Construction. Unfortunately Secretary Kerasiotes canceled at the last minute and Deputy Secretary Mike Swanson came in his place. Mr Swanson spoke mostly on the central artery tunnel project. The concern on this issue is that western Mass. towns would lose funding for its own projects with huge cost overruns on the tunnel. Mr. Swanson assured everyone that local projects if ready would be funded with non-federal aid from the bond bill.

At the November 3rd meeting two sub committees were formed. One to look at our association bylaws and the other to make recommendations on what to do with old association records. Both committees will report back by the November 1995 meeting. A motion was also made to support the governor on the death penalty issue. After a lot of discussion and some confusion a vote was taken on an amendment to table the issue which resulted in a 16 to 16 tie. The president broke the tie by voting to support the amendment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis E. Rindone, 1994 President

COUNCIL OF AGING/ SENIOR CENTER ANNUAL REPORT

The array of services and programs provided to the elder population of Ashfield by the Council on Aging/Senior Center continues to grow to meet increasing demands. The number of Ashfield elders who received some direct benefit from the Council has increased by 60% from 74 in 1993 to 118 in 1994.

This is an unduplicated count of elders who use our transportation system, attend congregate meals, receive meals-on-wheels, participate in health, education, and recreation programs, or seek advice on numerous issues ranging from assisted living questions to complicated health insurance problems.

Through information gathered from informal surveys and a questionnaire mailed to the community the following new services were created during the year: a foot clinic every three weeks; home repair program; telephone reassurance and friendly visitors; crime prevention program; a comprehensive program to better serve the hard of hearing.

In order to link the needs of elders with appropriate services, the demand-response transportation remains vital. Over the past three years, requests for rides has increased by 25%. In order to handle this demand, the Council was one of only twelve agencies in the state to receive a free van from the Attorney General's Office.

The Council has been awarded a grant from the New England Foundation for the Humanities to initiate a program that will reintroduce elders to the pleasures of reading. Providing recreational programs such as this is just as important as the health and education services we provided. More and more of the elder population are remaining at home longer, and many of them are isolated or living alone. It is our goal to help them in as many ways as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Brown, Director
Sylvia Monk, Chair
Cass Nawrocki
George Monk
Sally Straus

ANNUAL FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

It is again a pleasure to submit the annual report of the Fire Department to the townspeople of Ashfield.

This year, like most years, the department was very busy responding to 60 calls of all types, from brush fires to a very large industrial fire in the town of Bernardston.

The department attended a lot of intown training, with other towns and by itself. Some firefighters went to Mass. Fire Academy training courses, given throughout the area and at the Mass. Fire Academy in Stow, Mass.

Our fire trucks are doing the best they can. 2M2, the newest truck (everyone calls it a floating pond) now is 6 years old. It carries 2500 gallons of water and is running well. With the other two trucks 20 and 40 years old, we feel we must replace one of them in 1995. The 20 year old truck is in the worst condition, we hope to replace it.

The Ashfield Firemen's Association changed its name to Ashfield Firefighters' Association during 1994. And as always, they raised money to help the fire department and the townspeople. The Association gave in many different ways. It paid the insurance for the baseball league (little league and pee wee - 4 teams all together); pamphlets for public relations- and fire equipment at a sum of $3850.00.

I would like to thank all the firefighters who put in time when needed by the fire department for the safety of the town and townspeople; also the Selectmen, Eleanor Ward, Priscilla Phelps and Nolan's Neighbors for support this past year.

The following is a rundown of the calls the Fire Department responded to anywhere from 1:00 am to 12 midnight:

Chimney Fires	13
Forest Fires	10
Auto Acc.	8
Weather Related Fires (wind, lightning)	7
False Alarm	6
Mutual Aid	5
Structure Fires	3
Vehicles Fires	2
Fuel Oil Spills	2
Misc.	4

Douglas M. Field
Ashfield Fire Chief

ANNUAL REPORT
BOARD of HEALTH

The Board of Health measures town growth and new construction by the number of permits for septic systems issued. During 1994, the Board issued thirteen permits for new or substantially modified septic systems. This was almost twice the number issued the previous year. We conducted twenty-two perc tests, an indicator of future development and a large increase from the previous year. The Board also issued permits for nine new wells, food service permits and all of the other required activities.

Ashfield has been lucky so far that there have been no reported human interactions with rabid animals. Rabies is reported in most towns around us, and everyone must be aware of the potential threat from wild, stray or unvaccinated animals. We have worked to further improve our rapid response plan in case of an incident, and have cooperated with the Animal Control Officer, Warren Kirkpatrick, and the Animal Inspector, Kim Reardon, as well as the Police and Fire departments and veterinarians to respond as the situation warrants. The Police Department and Shelburne Control know what responses will identify and safely manage a potential rabies threat. Don't fail to vaccinate your pets, both dogs and cats!

We have overseen the successful cleanup of one illegal dump in town and are alert to avoiding similar situations elsewhere. No longer are citizens able to make messes for future generations to cleanup. We invite everyone's cooperation in keeping Ashfield's countryside beautiful.

Our main work is still the development and coordination of the new town treatment plant and sewer. The Boards of Selectmen and Health work cooperatively through the innumerable steps required for implementation. The chosen technology, "Solar Aquatic Greenhouse Treatment Plant" still holds promise of multifaceted benefits for the Town, including environmental improvement, educational opportunities local employment, tourist interest, and beautification both inside and outside the facility. Nearly all steps have been successfully completed to date. The bids for construction will be issued in early 1995 and operation promised no later than May 1, 1996.

We welcome our new Health Agent, Maxine Schmidt, as the part time contracted employee of the Foothills Health District Association. We appreciate her helpful attitude and knowledge. We also welcome the questions and suggestions of all Town members. It's going to be an exciting year, in 1995, with the major new projects in Town. We will try to keep you informed as to the progress and outcome.

Thomas S. Leue, Chairman
Harry Dodson
Duncan Colter

REPORT OF THE FOOTHILLS HEALTH DISTRICT AND THE BOARD of HEALTH

Having begun as Health Agent for the Foothills Health District in July of 1994, I spent much of the summer familiarizing myself with each of the four towns and their individual requirements. After discussion with the Boards of Health and other town officials, my weekly schedule has been changed to better use limited office space and resources. Below are my schedule and the phone numbers where I can be reached in each town.

Monday	Ashfield	628-4441
Tuesday	Goshen	268-7856
Wednesday	Williamsburg	268-8404
Thursday	Whately	665-8051
Friday	Float day	

In addition, messages can be left on the answering machines at the Williamsburg and Whatley numbers.

This year has been marked by a number of regulatory changes in many areas of public and environmental health. The most significant for Ashfield is the revised Title 5 governing the design and construction of septic systems, most of which becomes effective on March 31, 1995. The regulations have moved away from reliance on the perc test as the main design factor and toward a soils-based analysis. It also provides for inspection of septic systems when there is a transfer of title or change of use. These changes will result in more effective treatment, but enforcement requires more technical knowledge and more extensive record-keeping than the previous code, thereby placing an additional burden on the already overburdened part-time Boards. Other changes involve the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program and the passage of the so-called Betterments Bill, which allows towns to help homeowners fund underground fuel storage tank removal, lead paint abatement, and upgrading of failing septic systems. I will be working with the Board of Health and Selectboard to implement these programs in 1995.

Cooperative efforts this year have revolved around the Franklin County Local Boards of Health Partnership and the Community Health Network Area (CHNA), established by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. These alliances have proved to be valuable resources for technical assistance and regional coordination.

I look forward to my first full year as the Foothills District Health Agent, and I encourage residents to contact me with any of their public health concerns or questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Maxine Schmidt
Health Agent

HILLTOWN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COOPERATIVE 1994 ANNUAL SUMMARY

The Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative is a municipal organization made up and funded by eleven Communities - Ashfield, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Hatfield, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg and Worthington. These Towns joined forces through an inter municipal agreement in 1989 to cooperatively deal with their waste management problems. The HRMC, as part of it's charter, is directed to create and implement a comprehensive waste management strategy for the region. Keeping costs under control during these times of tight budgets is an extraordinary challenge, the HRMC realizes that waste prevention through regional cooperative outreach and technical assistance programs is the most effective cost prevention strategy at the local level. The four main goals of the HRMC are to:

1. Assist the Towns in monitoring and controlling waste disposal and recycling costs. 2. Keep abreast of changing State and Federal regulations on behalf of local Boards which manage the Towns waste disposal and recycling programs 3. Perform aggressive and proactive education/outreach programs through the schools, town meetings, and regionally. Programs such as the Household Hazardous Waste Collection, the compost bin distribution and general education to keep the public informed about waste management and recycling issues. 4. Advocate on behalf of the Towns concerning waste management and recycling related issues when appropriate.

We each are responsible for generating over 2000 lbs of trash and recyclables and 30 lbs of Household Hazardous Waste each year. Educating residents on the proper handling of the waste/recycling stream, assisting Towns with waste stream and recyclables management and informing residents on wise environmental shopping choices are three important functions of the HRMC. It is the combined efforts of the eleven HRMC member Towns through the Board members, volunteers and it's administrator which allow the HRMC to accomplish it's goals. To this end, the HRMC has dedicated 1/2 of it's $54,316.02 budget to education and outreach efforts during this year and the remainder of it's budget to other HRMC programs and technical assistance to local boards. Additionally, the HRMC has been awarded over $12,000 in Federal, State and private grant money over the past year to further assist us in our education, outreach and technical assistance efforts.

It is my pleasure to serve as administrator of the HRMC. I look forward to the upcoming year with great promise and expectation . If you have any questions feel free to call the HRMC at 268 -3845, this is your cooperative effort, together we can make it work.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Weiss
Administrator, HRMC
1/5/95

REPORT OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Members: Tom McCrumm, Doug Cranson, Bud Howes

The Resource Management Board was formed in 1994 from the previous Ashfield Energy Resource Commission. The function of the new board is to monitor Ashfield's solid waste disposal and recycling programs, oversee the transfer station, and advise the Select Board on management and improvements for Ashfield's solid waste and recycling programs.

Ashfield continues to be a leader among the eleven member towns in the Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative. Ashfield residents recycled more material on a per person basis than any of the eleven member towns. We were 4th in the category of per cent of all waste material recycled, and our plastic recycling program ranked 3rd behind Middlefield and Worthington in the category of amount of plastic recycled per person. Keep up the good work.

REPORT OF THE ASHFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Ashfield Historical Commission, acting under the provisions of MGL Chapter 40, Sec. 8d, has a legally defined role with regard to historic preservation within the community and a commenting role for environmental impacts at the local level. Ashfield is fortunate to have had a diligent Historical Commission since its inception in 1984, resulting in one of the few complete town inventories west of Worcester and a National Register Historic District centered around "The Plain."

For the past year, this Commission has expended a great deal of energy serving as watchdog to the jewel of the National Register District - Town Hall. Threats to the internal and external integrity of thebuilding were the subject of many meetings. While the building must be brought up to code to meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Commission argued for selection of a design sensitive to the character of the Asher Benjamin style structure.

The town inventory is being continuously updated. Two prehistoric archeological sites have been added in cooperation with the Ashfield Historical Society and local archeological consultants. Site forms are filed with the Mass. Historical Commission in Boston.

In an effort to increase local visibility and awareness of our mission, the Commission is now publishing a monthly column in the Ashfield News. We are also working to make the State more aware of the concerns. Commission members attend the Durand Committee hearings to learn how Ashfield might obtain a piece of the statewide funding pie, and we have joined Historic Massachusetts Inc., the preservation advocacy organization. We have extended an invitation to Mass. Historical Commission to hold workshops in the western part of the state - specifically in Ashfield. And finally, we are investigating the possibility of becoming the first Historical Commission west of Worcester to attain Certified Local Government (CLG) status. CLC.s are the only eligible applicants for Historic

Preservation monies granted through the State Historic Preservation Offices.

Committee mernbers have represented Ashfield on several Franklin County project committees this year: the Franklin County Scenic Farm By-way Committee, the Town Hall Accessibility Project Committee, and the Franklin County Planning Board ISTEA Committee.

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall, and, in compliance with open meeting laws, Ashfield residents are welcome to attend and voice their concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Keith, Chair
Richard Turner
Susan McGowan
Ruth Craft
Eric Nelson
John Bos
Ronald Johnson

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

We are pleased to submit our first report to the Town of Ashfield.

At our first official meeting on March 22, 1994, two members of the Brookline, Massachusetts, Human Relations Commission visited Ashfield. They provided us with ideas for establishing a commission and described various activities that have been successful in other towns. They discussed the Massachusetts Association of Human Rights/Relations Commissions.

We were pleased to be officially appointed by the citizens of the town at Town Meeting in May.

We see our goals as providing education and awareness in the areas of understanding and respecting diversity in our town and wider community. We expect to accomplish these goals in cooperation with already existing institutions and organizations.

This year we invited the library director, Anne Judson, to a meeting to offer our assistance to the library in creating displays and programs for children and adults around issues of diversity and tolerance. We received permission from the School Council and Principal at Sanderson Academy to distribute the booklet, "You, Your Child and Tolerance" to families. In November, plans were initiated for a free family concert called "Building Bridges" for February 1995 at Belding Memorial Library, to be qiven by Sarah Pirtle of the Discovery Center. St. John's Episcopal Church has agreed to assist with the funding of this project. We would like to thank the Belding Memorial Library, Sanderson Academy, and St. John's Church for their cooperation.

The Commission meets in the Town Hall on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Interested citizens are urged to attend. All the members of the Human Relations Commission welcome input from residents regarding these issues.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Elenois, Co-Chair
The Rev. Beth Long, Co-Chair
Helen Boyden
Noah Gordon
Andrea Ociesa Sears
Jean Ferris
Raymond Redfern

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

As Chief of Police, I am pleased to write my second annual report of the Police Department. I would like to begin by thanking the residents of the Town of Ashfield for their support. I would also like to extend appreciation on behalf of myself and the department to the Selectboard for their continued support and encouragement, the town office personnel for the work they do behind the scenes in making the town run efficiently, and the Fire and Highway Departments for their continued cooperation and communication with the Police Department. And last, but of greatest importance to the operation of this department, the officers for their continued dedicated efforts in keeping the security and safety of the Town and its residents.

Officer John Gancarz entered the Full-time Police Academy in Agawam, Mass. and is doing fine. John will graduate on April 7th, 1995.

I am still teaching D.A.R.E. in the fifth grade. Thanks to D.A.R.E. grant monies received from the State, the fifth grade class was treated to a whale watch at the end of the year. The Ashfield Little League also benefited from this grant being able to purchase much needed equipment for all the teams. The Ashfield Youth Association also benefited from the grant. With more D.A.R.E. grant monies becoming available in the year to come, we will be able to sponsor and contribute more in response to needs which will benefit our youth.

The Police Department took on a fund raiser this year. It has joined the Law Enforcement Racing Division of the Jimmy Fund. With donations from businesses and town residents, we were able to purchase a race car which Sgt. Sandi Zalenski and I alternate driving in competition with some twenty-two other Law Enforcement Officers throughout Massachusetts and Connecticut. Corporal Steve Greenman and Bill Perlman were our indispensable "Pit Crew." In the next racing season, we are looking forward to extended help on our team. Our racing takes us to racetracks at Riverside, Monadnock, and the Waterford Speedbowl. At each event, after we finish racing, all the drivers and crew members enter the grandstands to collect money which is donated to the Jimmy Fund. I am happy to report that we raised over $7,000.00 this year on behalf of Law Enforcement. We look forward to exceeding this amount in the next racing season. Although the Ashfield Police Department started late in the season, we are proud that we were able to finish thirteenth place out of twenty-two in the overall Law Enforcement standings. We are looking forward to seeing more fans in the stands in support of our department's racing team next season, and we hope you will be as proud of our efforts in raising money for the fight against cancer as we are proud of the Department and Town which we represent.

Statistics for the year:

Assault & Battery	5
Assault & Battery on a Police Officer	1
Assault & Battery Dangerous Weapon	1
Accidents	22
Alarms	40
Arrests	23
Breaking & Entering	6

Citations	426
Court Hours	48
Domestic Disturbances	10
Investigated Accidents	1003
Larcenies	30
Medical Assists	25
Missing Persons	9
Possession of Dangerous Weapon	1
Possession of Drugs	2
Protective Custody	3
Stolen Motor Vehicle	2
Suspicious Motor Vehicles	35
Suspicious Persons	24
Summons	61
Unattended Deaths	1
Vacation Checks	58
Vandalism	33
Warrants	16

I would like to remind all the town residents, if they see anything that looks suspicious, please call the dispatch center at 625-8200. A Police Officer is on call in town 24 hours a day and will respond. Please do not call an officer at his home; it may be a much needed night off. Thank you, again, for all the support extended to the Police Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond G. Redfern
Chief of Police

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FRED W. WELLS TRUSTEES

Funds available for the fiscal year 1994-1995 were $155,038 which were allocated to three specific areas: Education, Health and Agriculture.

EDUCATION: The Trustees received 240 applications for education grants and approved 180 students to receive $126,000. This amount includes two $1000 Wells Scholarships in Honor of Ralph and Hilda Haskins.

HEALTH: Four health programs were approved to receive funds totaling $21,500. They are:

1. Western Mass. Children with Attention Dissorders & Deficits
2. New England Center for Women in Transition
3. Hospice of Franklin County
4. Health Links

AGRICULTURE: An amount of $7,538 was aproved for payment to:
Franklin County Agriculture Society
Health Fair
Shelburne Grange Fair

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas A. Chandler
Trustee

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Vital Statistics
January 1, 1994 - December 31, 1994

Births		
Females		14
Males		11
	Total	**25**
Marriages		
Residents		5
Non-residents		2
	Total	**7**
Deaths		
Females		3
Males		4
	Total	**7**

Elections
January 1, 1994 - December 31, 1994

Annual Town Election May 7, 1994
165 Votes Cast 1072 Registered Voters
Percentage of registered voters casting ballots = 15%.

Special Ballot Election June 8, 1994 New Loader
54 Votes Cast 1046 Registered Voters
Percentage of registered voters casting ballots = 5%.

Special Ballot Election June 30, 1994 Town Hall Renovations
113 Votes Cast 1046 Registered Voters
Percentage of registered voters casting ballots = 11%.

State Primary September 12, 1994
173 Votes Cast 1050 Registered Voters
Percentage of registered voters casting ballots = 16%.

State Election November 8, 1994
791 Votes Cast 1085 Registered Voters
Percentage of registered voters casting ballots = 73%

Dog Licenses Issued
January 1, 1994 - December 31, 1994

177	Males @ $3.00	$531.00
18	Females @ $6.00	$108.00
182	Spayed Females @ $3.00	$546.00
3	Kennels @ $10.00	$60.00
2	Kennels @ $25.00	$25.00
0	Transfers @ $0.25	$0.00
	TOTAL	**$1240.00**
	Fees Retained	$285.75
	Paid to Town Treasurer	$954.25

Fish & Game Licenses Issued
January 1, 1993 - December 31, 1993

22	Resident fishing @ $12.50	$275.00
02	Resident citizen minor @ $6.50	$13.00
01	Resident fishing (65 - 69) @ 6.25	$6.25
02	Resident fishing (over 70)	Free
02	Non-resident citizen @ $17.50	$35.00
07	Resident hunting @ $12.50	$87.50
01	Non-resident hunting (big game) @ $48.50	$48.50
17	Resident sporting @ $19.50	$331.50
02	Resident sporting (65-69) @ $9.75	$19.50
11	Resident sporting (over 70)	Free
00	Duplicate sporting @ $2.00	$0.00
01	Resident trapping @ $20.50	$20.50
05	Archery/primitive firearms stamps @ $5.10	$25.50
00	Massachusetts waterfowl stamps @ $5.00	$0.00
51	Wildlands conservation stamps (residents) @ $5.00	$255.00
03	Wildlands conservation stamps (non-residents) @ $5.00	$15.00
	TOTAL	**$1120.25**
	Fees retained	$28.00
	Paid to Commonwealth of Massachusetts	$1092.25

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Yuryan, Town Clerk

ASHFIELD BURIAL GROUND ASSOCIATION

(Supplemental to Town Clerk's record)

Burials in Ashfield Cemetaries

January 1, 1994 to December 31, 1994

Name	Date of Death	Date of Burial	Cemetary
Kathleen M. (Lowery) Curtis	2-23-94	11-9-94	Plain
Edward L. Fuller	3-10-94	5-21-94	Plain
Mildred L. (Horton) Phillips	4-3-94	5-1-94	Plain
Vera Maud (Hathaway) Lesure	4-19-94	5-31-94	Plain
Warren M. Chase	6-16-94	6-23-94	Beldingville
K. Persis (Graves) Goldthwaite	7-30-94	8-3-94	Plain
Margaret Winslow (Hall) Cole	10-15-92	8-5-94	Hill
James A. Graves, Sr.	10-19-94	10-24-94	Plain
William C. Lundrigan	11-4-94	11-8-94	Plain
Elizabeth May (Rice) Taylor	12-14-93	12-14-94	Plain

from Ashfield Burial Ground Association Records

Ralph E. Townsley
Burial Agent

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

All delinquent accounts have been turned over to the Town Attorney to be put into Tax Title, if arrangements for payment have not been made.

The system of marking delinquent motor vehicle excise bills by the Registry of Motor Vehicles is working. The Registry will not issue a new license or registration if you owe excise or parking tickets, until all bills are paid. The Town turns all unpaid bills over 60 days to the Deputy Collector who has a direct hookup to the Registry.

Unpaid bills as of June 30, 1994

PERSONAL PROPERTY		
1994	3,309.87	
1993	2,387.89	
1992	1,498.11	
1991	1,570.80	
1987-90	2,875.86	11,642.53
REAL ESTATE		
1994	110,640.45	
1993	20,857.58	
1992	10,179.85	
1991	4,973.08	
1985-90	3,994.13	150,645.09
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE		
1994	6,156.55	
1993	1,410.75	
1992	1,731.59	
1991	1,070.12	
1985-90	1,843.37	12,212.38
FARM EXCISE		
1992	549.25	
1993	5,093.80	5,643.05

Marian C. Fitzgerald
Tax Collector

Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash
Year Ending June 30,1994

Balance of Cash at July 1, 1993		$635,753.77
Cash Received		3,614,159.00
Cash Disbursements		3,450,038.29
Balance of Cash at June 30, 1994		$799,874.48

Balance consists of:

United Savings Bank:		
General Fund		$157,431.46
Ambulance Fund		3,029.17
Core Focus Fund		14,989.01
Fred Cross-General Fund		60,111.41
Fred Cross-Library		5,000.00
Fred Cross-Cemetery		2,000.00
Trust Funds		152,825.58
Cemetery Funds		1,250.00
Greenfield Savings Bank:		
Stabilization Fund		86,823.32
M.M.D.T.:		
General Fund		143,078.18
Hall Bequest-Fire Department		9,834.27
Hall Bequest-Ambulance Fund		9,279.95
Mary Priscilla Howes Fund		11,490.65
State Street Bank:		
Sewer Account		142,731.48
	TOTAL:	**$799,874.48**

Presentation of Cash:

General Fund:		$480,373.52
Stabilization Fund:		86,823.32
Trust Funds:		232,677.64
	TOTAL:	**$799,874.48**

Note: Income also received to benefit Belding Park and Belding Library from the Milo Belding Jr. Endowment, held by the trustees of Shawmut Bank.

WESTERN FRANKLIN VETERANS SERVICE CENTER

During the past fiscal year we were called upon to provide veterans' benefits to nine veterans and their families. The money was used to provide aid as follows:

Ordinary Benefits		$6,580.31
Fuel		$543.42
	TOTAL	**$7,123.73**

The towns which provided this aid will be reimbursed 75% by the State and are as follows:

Ashfield		$971.16
Charlemont		$2,046.31
Colrain		$3,012.34
Heath		$91.87
Shelburne		$1,002.05
	TOTAL	**$7,123.73**

Eighteen veterans passed away during the year and the Center assisted the survivors with their VA claims for Burial Benefits, Flags, Grave markers, Pensions and Compensation to which they are legally entitled.

Some of the many on-going services to veterans are: help to complete all Veterans Administration claim forms and provide assistance to all veterans and their dependents in connection with their claims under Federal Programs and preparation of Tax Abatement Forms for veterans with service connected disabilities.

Four meetings were held this year with varius representatives from the town towns to discuss the over-all program.

Respectfully submitted,

John F. Evans
Director/Veterans's Agent

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

RECEIPTS

Town of Ashfield	$4,266.85
Town of Buckland	3,832.50
Town of Charlemont	2,401.70
Town of Colrain	2,989.35
Town of Conway	3,398.15

RECEIPTS *(Continued)*

Town of Hawley	689.85
Town of Heath	1,865.15
Town of Monrow	357.70
Town of Plainfield	1,507.45
Town of Shelburne	4,241.30
Flags & Markers	1,624.94
Reimbursement for Veterans Benefits	1,002.05
Interest-United Savings Bank	120.25
Federal Withholding Tax	950.00
State Withholding Tax	472.00
Retirement	221.62
Medicare	160.32
Social Security	288.06
TOTAL	$30,389.24

PAYMENTS

Agents Salary	$10,805.76
Treasurers Salary	600.00
Rent-Town of Shelburne	1,800.00
Telephone	453.58
Office expense	513.21
Dues & Subscriptions	80.00
Flags & Markers	1,497.60
Treasurers Bond	50.00
Retirement Assessment	2,040.00
Federal Tax	950.00
State Tax	472.00
F. C. Retirement	221.62
Medicare	320.79
Social Security	576.12
Veterans Benefits	1,002.05
Charges for new checks	46.22
TOTAL	$21,428.95

July 1, 1993 United Savings Balance	$1,693.40
Plus Receipts	30,389.24
Less Payments	21,428.95
June 30, 1994 Checking Account Balance	$10,653.69

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie L. Walker
Treasurer

1994 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE ASHFIELD YOUTH COMMISSION

The Ashfield Youth Commission would like to thank the Town of Ashfield for all its support of the youth program for the previous two summers. In particular we would like to thank the Ashfield Police and Fire Departments, Sanderson Academy for use of the gym and facilities, and all the adult volunteers who donated their time to make the summer a successful one.

Over 80 young people participated in the program this summer along with fifteen adult volunteers. One full-time employee and a part-time employee directed the program. This summer's program consisted primarily of two type of activities: field trips and workshops. Popular trips throughout the state included: Cranes's Beach, Riverside Park, The Pittsfield Mets, The Amherst/Northampton Bike Path, and the Mt. Tom Water Park. Workshops were designed to teach the participants an enjoyable skill or hobby. Some of these were Chess Night at the Belding Memorial Library, a computer workshop, tennis and golf clinics, mountain bike rides, and an afternoon at the ropes course at Greenfield Community College. In addition, several dances were held for our youth including a very successful bonfire event to kick-off our season.

In addition to paying the salaries for the director and assistant director, the town's money was used to purchase equipment for the sponsored activities such as tennis equipment, frisbees, and a used pool table.

Thanks to money provided to Massachusetts' towns from the extra tax on cigarettes received through our DARE officer, the Youth Commission will be initiating a winter activities program this year. We recently hired an activity leader, Peter Keeney of Sunderland, and a calendar of events will be posted throughout town. We will offer several special events each month as well as a weekly after-school activity from January through the end of April. Some events that are being worked on are trips to Interskate 91, Berkshire East, cross country skiing at Swift River, a UMASS basketball game or scrimmage, a Super Bowl party, and regular dances. We are also planning a WinterFest for our youth and are hoping to create a community skating rink by flooding the O'Donnell field. We hope to see you all there!

Thank you for your support.

Respectfully submitted:
January 6, 1995
Alyson Patch, Chair
Peg McGuire
Larry Parnass
Johanna Anderson

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOLS

At the end of fiscal year 1994, the former Mohawk Trail Regional School District and the Ashfield-Plainfield School District ceased to exist, as the new Mohawk Trail Regional School District became a fiscal reality.

This meant the closing of financial records for the old entities and opening of new records. Many pages of financial records have resulted from this process. As this would take many pages in the Annual Town report, the Board of Selectmen has elected to publish only a portion of the reports. The complete report is available at Town Hall for inspection.

ASHFIELD PLAINFIELD REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Balance sheet as of June 30, 1994, After Transfers

ASSETS:

CASH:		
United Bank	18,318.64	
M.M.D.T	89,603.50	107,922.14

TO BE RECEIVED:
Town of Ashfield
Town of Plainfield

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TO BE RECEIVED:
Chapter 70
Chapter 71, Transp.
Chapter 71, SPED Transp.

TUITION:

TOTAL ASSETS: **107,922.14**

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES:

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS:

Blue Cross/Blue Shield	4,230.76

BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD, OTHER:

SCHOOL LUNCH FUND
MEALS TAX

GRANTS:

Chapter I FY94	(1,143.12)

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS:		
Interest		
Miscellaneous		
Comm. of MA.		
Tuition		
BAND REVOLVING FUND		128.30
UNRESTRICTED SURPLUS		44,918.45
OPERATING BUDGET		
Essential Skills Summer Salary Setaside		2,030.82
Encumbered Salaries FY94		57,756.93
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND RESERVES:		**107,922.14**

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Balance Sheet as of June 30, 1994, After Transfers

ASSETS:

CASH:		
United Bank N.O.W.	93,626.49	
BayBank	11,044.68	
M.M.D.T. - Asbestos	33,819.35	
M.M.D.T. - Gas Conversion	67,655.00	
M.M.D.T. - General Fund	302,880.29	509,025.81
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:		
Town of:		
Ashfield		
Buckland		
Charlemont		
Colrain		
Hawley		
Heath		
Plainfield		
Shelburne		
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS:		
Chapter 70 Gen. Aid		
Chapter 71 Transp.		
Chapter 71 SPED Transp.		
S.B.A.B. Grant		
TUITION RECEIPTS:		
TOTAL ASSETS:		**509,025.81**

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES:

Asbestos Fund Balance		33,819.35
Asbestos Interest Receipts		
Gas Conversion Grant		67,655.00
Gas Conversion Interest Receipts		
Handicapped Access Deficit		
Payroll Deductions:		
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	16,406.72	
Washington Insurance	243.59	
Flex. Spending	478.68	17,128.99
Blue Cross/Blue Shield Other		593.72
Cafeteria:		
School Lunch		
Meals Tax		
Music Fund	121.37	
Athletic Fund		
Driver Education Account		2,211.93
Grants (listed on back)		13,046.31
Estimated Receipts:		
Interest		
Misc.		
Tuition		
Comm. of MA		
Rotating Salaries Account FY94		
999 Misc. In & Out Account		
Unrestricted Surplus		70,821.45
Operating & Capital Budget Balance		
Union Budget Expenditures & Reimbursement		
Chapter 74 Vocational Transportation (FY93)		1,728.00
Chapter 70 Vocational (from FY93)		17,085.00
Chapter 74 Vocational Transportation (FY94)		10,943.00
Summer Salary Setasides FY94		4,565.06
Encumbered Salaries FY94		188,366.00
Summer Camp (BGS)		360.00
Grant Summer Insurance Setasides FY94		1,277.30
Supt. Office Modular Office Bldg. Project		79,215.00
999 Account – Inservice Workshop		88.33
999 Account – Rice Oil Discount		

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND RESERVES: **509,025.81**

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT VOCATIONAL ACCOUNT

Balance Sheet as of June 30, 1994, After Transfers

ASSETS:

CASH:		
M.M.D.T.	207,495.97	
State Street	11,143.00	218,638.97
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:		
Towns	426,361.03	
BALANCE:		**645,000.00**

LIABILITIES:

EXPENSES:	
Interest Payable	
Miscellaneous	
Transportation	
Tuition Expense	
NOTES PAYABLE:	645,000.00
INTEREST EARNINGS	
MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS	
TOWN OF CUMMINGTON	
Transportation Expense & Reimbursement	
TOWN OF COLRAIN	
Transportation Expense & Reimbursemenrt	
BALANCE:	**645,000.00**

ASHFIELD-PLAINFIELD REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

At their final meeting the Ashfield-Plainfield Regional School District Committee made a recommendation that the unrestricted surplus be transfered to Mohawk at the close of fiscal 1994.

The committee recommended that the remaining funds be divided as follows:

35% Returned to the two member towns
25% Used for Sanderson programs
15% Turnover to Mohawk
25% Set aside for future Captial Projects

The final unrestricted surplus total $50,185. Thus, $17,564.75 is the amount returned to the towns. Ashfield's share is $12,676.48, divided according tothe FY'94 apportionments.

This recommendation was approved by the Mohawk Trail Regional School District at their September 14, 1994 meeting.

Catherine Heyl
Business Manager

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
July 1, 1993 - June 30, 1994

AMBULANCE FUND

Balance forward, 7/1/93		$4,855.86
Earnings, Gifts & Interest		3,498.94
		$8,354.80
Ambulance maint.	$146.36	
Medical equipment	1,337.22	
Insurance	1,248.00	
Radios & repairs	989.40	
Office supplies & equipment	368.35	
Uniforms	413.30	
Training	823.00	
	$5,325.63	
Ambulance Fund Total		**$3,029.17**

ACCOUNTANT

Appropriation		**$7,000.00**
Eleanor Ward	$7,000.00	

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Appropriation		**$15,000.00**
Priscilla Phelps	**$15,000.00**	

COUNCIL ON AGING

Appropriation		**$1,711.50**
Shelburne Senior Center	**$1,711.50**	

BOARD OF APPEALS

Appropriation		**$360.00**
Dues	$50.00	
Postage	5.36	
Advertising	30.52	
Secretarial	228.75	
	$314.63	
Balance to General Fund		**$45.37**

ASSESSORS' EXPENSES

Appropriation		**$19,700.00**
Office supplies	$581.98	
Registry of Deeds	141.00	
Secretarial	14,693.56	
Tax map updates	825.00	
Dues, seminars, meetings	134.00	
Computer programs & maint.	1,537.98	
Sales analysis	220.00	
	$18,133.52	
Balance to General Fund		**$1,566.48**

AUDIT & ACCOUNTING

Appropriation		**$2,750.00**
SCANCO & Assoc.	**$2,750.00**	

BELDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Appropriation		**$10,500.00**
Transfer from Public Off. Insurance		$800.00
Special Town Meeting, 01/10/94		**$11,300.00**
Belding Memorial Library	**$11,300.00**	

BONDS

Appropriation		**$800.00**
Expended	**$737.50**	
Balance to General Fund		**$62.50**

CHAPTER 15 (C121) CONSTRUCTION - FY90

Balance forward		$11,273.84
Transfer from Reserve Fund		.01
		$11,273.85
Hired equipment	$231.00	
Payroll	2,376.56	
Gravel	2,235.65	
Bituminous concrete	6,430.64	
	$11,273.85	

CHAPTER 33 CONSTRUCTION - 1991 BOND ISSUE

Unexpended balance forward		**$135,642.26**
Payroll	$5,967.18	
Hired equipment	3,904.00	
Asphalt	18,112.70	
Gravel & loam	5,262.60	
Guardrails	25,760.73	
Rip-rap	487.64	
Grates & culverts	14,020.73	
Tree removals	775.00	
Bituminous concrete	60,886.18	
Supplies	465.50	
	$135,642.26	

CHAPTER 33 B - 1991 BOND ISSUE

State Share		**$152,827.00**
Payroll	$3,874.26	
Supplies	456.65	
Gravel & loan	7,114.66	
Hired equipment	1,017.50	
Blasting	3,043.25	
Grates & culverts	346.40	
Bituminous concrete	814.80	
Masonry blocks	578.08	
Rip-rap	771.68	
	$18,047.28	
Balance forward		**$134,779.72**

CHAPTER 497 - GENERAL HIGHWAY

Balance forward		$1,340.93
Appropriation		65,000.00
		$66,340.93
Payroll	$37,993.78	
Hired equipment	2,987.00	
Gravel	4,117.70	
Bituminous concrete	16,427.22	
Mowing	2,012.50	
Line painting	830.64	
Catch basin cleaning	1,137.05	
Supplies	296.50	
	$65,802.39	
Balance Forward		**$538.54**

STRAP GRANT - Baptist Corner Road

Balance forward		$28,686.70
Interest		118.40
Transfer from Reserve Fund		.01
		$28,805.11
Payroll	$3,599.55	
Gravel	824.40	
Drop inlets	4,498.40	
Supplies	176.45	
Sand & stone	2,868.38	
Bituminous concrete	12,886.93	
Hired equipment	3,951.00	
	$28,805.11	

CIVIL DEFENSE

Balance forward		$4.13
Appropriation		150.00
		$154.13
Radio repairs	**$36.00**	
Balance forward		**$118.13**

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Appropriation (Wetland Fund)		**$350.00**
Supplies	$91.80	
Postage & notary fees	37.77	
Dues	75.00	
Advertisements	132.95	
	$337.52	
Balance to Wetlands Fund		**$12.48**

DOG OFFICER EXPENSES

Appropriation		$150.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		57.90
		$207.90
Equipment	$146.09	
Office expenses	41.85	
Specimen to lab	19.96	
	$207.90	

ELECTIONS

Appropriations		$476.75
State Reimbursement		174.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		514.44
		$1,165.19
Election officers	$764.17	
Ballots	401.02	
	$1,165.19	

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS - VACATIONS, PERSONAL DAYS & HOLIDAYS

Appropriation		**$12,000.00**
Expended	**$11,254.49**	
Balance to General Fund		**$745.51**

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS - SICK LEAVE

Balance Forward		$1,169.22
Appropriation		3,200.00
Transfer from Insurance on Buildings		8,000.00
Special Town Meeting, 01/10/94		**$12,369.22**
Expended	**$6,556.35**	
Balance Forward		**$5,812.87**

EMPLOYEES MEDICAL INSURANCE

Appropriation		$45,000.00
Transfer to Interest on Loans		-6,500.00
Special Town Meeting, 01/10/94		**$38,500.00**
Expended	**$32,383.52**	
Balance to General Fund		**$6,116.48**

FRANKLIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE INSPECTOR PROGRAM

Appropriation		**$15,262.62**
FCCBIP	**$15,262.62**	

FRANKLIN COUNTY EMERGENCY DISPATCH CENTER

Appropriation		**$11,379.06**
Emergency Dispatch Center	**$11,379.06**	

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		$16.620.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		100.69
		$16,720.69
Supplies & equipment	$1,650.12	
Telephone	471.32	
Radios	864.98	
Insurance	1,248.00	
New equipment	1,211.68	
Replacement equipment	324.91	
Dues, training & mileage	433.40	
Alarm system maintenance	180.00	
Truck repairs	3,051.94	
Electricity	1,324.91	
Building maintenance	265.43	
Payroll	5,694.00	
	$16,720.69	

FIRE PROTECTION

Appropriation		**$1,693.52**
Ashfield Water District	**$1,693.52**	

FUEL & OIL EXPENSES

Appropriation		$17,750.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		71.40
		$17,821.40
Fire Department (App. -$750)	$821.40	
Police Department (App. -$3,000)	2,447.65	
Highway Department (App. -$13,000)	12,645.54	
	$15,914.59	
Balance to General Fund		**$1,906.81**

FOOTHILLS HEALTH DISTRICT

Appropriation		**$12,658.80**
Expended	**$12,658.80**	

BOARD OF HEALTH

Appropriation		**$550.00**
Ashfield Lake testing	$40.00	
Telephone	49.57	
Meetings & training	49.90	
Clayton Craft-Perc Tests	251.80	
P.O. Box rent	11.25	
Dues	75.00	
	$477.52	
Balance to General Fund		**$72.48**

HEATING TOWN BUILDINGS

Appropriation		**$4,000.00**
Fire Station	$2,286.38	
Town Hall	922.66	
	$3,209.04	
Balance to General Fund		**$790.96**

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - TRUCK/PLOW/SANDER

Appropriation		**$55,000.00**
Multi Ford-Truck	$38,000.00	
ZWACK-Sander & Plow	17,000.00	
	$55,000.00	

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY

Appropriation		**$30,628.00**
Leslie C. Ladd	**$30,628.00**	

HILLTOWN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COOPERATIVE

Appropriation		**$5,831.00**
Expended	**$5,831.00**	

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Appropriation	**$200.00**
Balance to General Fund	**$200.00**

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Appropriation		**$150.00**
Kim Reardon	**$150.00**	

INSURANCE - PUBLIC OFFICIAL'S LIABILITY

Appropriation		$3,350.00
Transfer to Belding Library		-800.00
		$2,550.00
P-Z Massamont	**$1,245.00**	
Balance to General Fund		**$1,305.00**

INSURANCE - TOWN BUILDINGS

Appropriation		$23,500.00
Reimbursement by School District		2,992.00
		$26,492.00
Transfer to Emp. Sick Leave		-8,000.00
		$18,492.00
P-Z Massamont	**$15,992.96**	
Balance to General Fund		**$2,499.04**

INTEREST ON LOANS

Appropriation		$6,500.00
Transfer from Medical Insurance		$6,500.00
Special Town Meeting, 01/10/94		**$13,000.00**
Expended	**$12,658.96**	
Balance to General Fund		**$341.04**

PRINCIPAL & INTEREST - FIRE TRUCK LOAN

Appropriation		**$21,396.16**
Expended	**$21,396.16**	

PRINCIPAL & INTEREST - SEWER LOAN

Appropriation		**$10,091.25**
Expended	**$10,091.25**	

LIFEGUARD & SWIMMING INSTRUCTION

Appropriation		**$4,000.00**
Lifeguards	$3,251.25	
Swimming instruction	378.00	
	$3,629.25	
Balance to Genral Fund		**$370.75**

MACHINERY EXPENSES

Appropriation		**$40,000.00**
Parts & repairs	$14,780.17	
Uniforms	1,039.26	
Telephone	591.78	
Radio repairs	72.90	
Plow blades & equipment	2,995.00	
Electricity	1,633.58	
Supplies	725.06	
Heating	597.15	
Tires	4,304.14	

Mechanic	11,529.43	
Dues & meetings	133.60	
Road mileage	99.65	
Building maintenance & water	204.72	
	$38,706.44	
Balance to General Fund		**$1,293.56**

MEDICARE & SOCIAL SECURITY

Appropriation		**$9,500.00**
Expended	**$7,910.72**	
Balance to General Fund		**$1,589.28**

MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation		$500.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		14.06
		$514.06
Flags & markers	$214.56	
Geraniums	199.50	
Band	100.00	
	$514.06	

OFFICE EXPENSES

Appropriation		$4,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		965.75
Special Meetings, 03/24 & 07/13/94)		**$4,965.75**
Supplies	$211.98	
Dues & meetings	614.16	
Photocopier-repairs & supplies	847.47	
Postage	195.45	
Telephone	697.65	
Advertising	1,054.59	
Computer maintenance	500.00	
Law updates	674.45	
File cabinets	170.00	
	$4,965.75	

PARKS & BEACH

Appropriation		**$3,900.00**
Electricity	$479.10	
Telephone	234.62	
Advertising & supplies	225.21	
Shrubs	104.36	
Beach sand	200.00	
Mowing & trash removal	862.50	
Water	129.72	
	$2,235.51	
Balance to General Fund		**$1,664.49**

PLANNING BOARD

Appropriation		$1,635.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		35.00
		$1,670.00
Secretarial	$343.00	
Advertising	350.46	
Postage & Supplies	461.59	
Legal fees	483.01	
	$1,638.06	
Balance to General Fund		**$31.94**

POLICE CHIEF'S SALARY

Appropriation		$29,484.00
Transfer to Police Department		-6,499.00
Special Meeting, 01/10/94		**$22,985.00**
Expended	**$22,985.00**	

POLICE CHIEF'S HOLIDAY PAY

Appropriation		**$1,144.00**
Expended	**$652.85**	
Balance to General Fund		**$491.15**

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		$28,000.00
Transfer from Police Chief Salary		6,499.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		**$34,703.33**
Payroll	$25,540.56	
Equipment	1,071.28	
Uniforms	1,881.90	
Radios & repairs	292.00	
Insurance	1,500.00	
Dues & meetings	225.00	
Telephone	1,709.97	
Tires	367.44	
Training	338.48	
Postage & Supplies	359.02	
Word processor	415.00	
Cruiser maintenance	1,002.68	
	$34,703.33	

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Appropriation		$500.00
Ruth Craft/Susan Sibilia	$125.00	
Susan Gambino	125.00	
Janice Scott	125.00	
Anne Yuryan	125.00	
	$500.00	

RESERVE FUND

Appropriation		$10,000.00
Chapter 121	$.01	
STRAP Grant	.01	
Tree Warden	500.00	
Treasurer's Expenses	267.59	
Fuel Acc't-Fire Dept.	71.40	
Fire Department	100.69	
Dog Officer Exp.	57.90	
Memorial Day	14.06	
Office Expenses	965.75	
Planning Board	35.00	
Police Department	204.33	
Elections	514.44	
Veterans' Benefits	871.16	
	$3,602.34	
Balance to General Fund		$6,397.66

FRANKLIN COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Appropriation		$22.300.00
Expended	$22,300.00	

ASHFIELD PLAINFIELD REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Appropriation		$460,051.00
Expended	$445,616.55	
Balance to General Fund		$14,434.45

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Appropriation		$535,876.00
Expended	$535,875.79	
Balance to General Fund		$.21

SEWER PROJECT

Borrowing		**$400,000.00**
Legal fees	$13,431.46	
Land purchase	95,000.00	
Land appraisal costs	2,265.00	
Engineering fees	92,506.48	
Hydro-geologic studies	53,198.42	
Tree service costs	1,385.00	
Percolation test	200.00	
Legal advertisements	107.18	
	$258,093.54	
Balance to Temporary Loan acct.		**$142,731.48**

CARE OF SOLDERS' GRAVES

Appropriation		**$700.00**
Burial Ground Assoc.	**$700.00**	

STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation		**$3,500.00**
Expended	**$3,245.65**	
Balance to General Fund		**$254.35**

STREET LISTS

Appropriation		$451.00
School Census Reimbursement		250.00
		$701.00
Street Listing & data entry	**$701.00**	

TAX COLLECTOR'S EXPENSES

Appropriation		**$3,500.00**
Supplies	$344.73	
Tax bills	634.14	
Dues	35.00	
Telephone & postage	1,135.33	
Computer maintenance	500.00	
	$2,649.20	
Balance to General Fund		**$850.80**

TOWN CLERK'S EXPENSES

Appropriation		**$650.00**
Postage & supplies	$173.06	
Box rent	21.50	
Computer maintenance	215.00	
	409.56	
Balance to General Fund		**$240.44**

TOWN COUNSEL

Appropriation		**$7,500.00**
Trudel, Barry & MacNicol	**$1,817.88**	
Balance to General Fund		**$5,682.12**

TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		$4,000.00
Festival Comm. reimbursement		400.00
		$4,400.00
Janitor	$1,588.09	
Supplies	143.68	
Electricity	$1,191.57	
Plowing & mowing	325.00	
Water	147.72	
Misc. repairs-furnace	230.45	
	$3,726.51	
Balance to General Fund		**$673.49**

TOWN HALL RENOVATIONS

Balance forward	**$8,603.35**

TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriation		**$18,900.00**
Expended	**$18,900.00**	

TOWN REPORTS

Appropriation		**$2,000.00**
Lamb Printing	$1,475.25	
Delivery	125.00	
	$1,600.25	
Balance to General Fund		**$399.75**

TRANSFER STATION

Appropriation		**$45,000.00**
Recycling	$6,805.00	
Payroll	6,867.25	
Telephone	215.22	
Electricity	554.00	
Hauling-Wickles Trucking	6,960.00	
Tipping fees	18,139.63	
Hazardous waste fee	500.00	
Labor & cleanup @ transfer station	540.92	
Bags, stickers & supplies	1,942.39	
Compactor roof & repairs	494.66	
	$43,019.07	
Balance to General Fund		**$1,980.93**

TREASURER'S EXPENSES

Appropriation		$1,000.00
Reserve Fund		267.59
		$1,267.59
Postage	$463.50	
Supplies	212.59	
Service charges	431.50	
Filing fees	125.00	
Dues	35.00	
	$1,267.59	

TREE WARDEN

Appropriation		$3,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		500.00
		$3,500.00
Bob's Tree Service	$3,195.00	
Lanoue's Service	300.00	
	$3,495.00	
Balance to General Fund		**$5.00**

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

Appropriation	**$500.00**
Balance to General Fund	**$500.00**

VETERANS' BENEFITS

Appropriation		$100.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		871.16
		$971.16
Expended	**$971.16**	

VETERAN'S CENTER

Appropriation		**$4,266.85**
Expended	**$4,266.85**	

WINTER ROADS

Appropriation		$70,000.00
State Reimbursement		90.92
		$70,090.92
Sand	$19,088.18	
Salt	9,820.57	
Payroll	36,979.63	
Hired equipment	3,716.54	
Gravel	273.00	
Cold Patch	213.00	
	$70,090.92	

WORKER'S COMPENSATION

Appropriation		**$13,750.00**
MIIA dividends, discounts & underwriting Credit ($5,211.00)		
MIIA	**$8,539.00**	
Balance to General Fund		**$5,211.00**

YOUTH PILOT PROGRAM

Balance forward		$2,973.98
Sale of Activity books		46.83
		$3,020.81
Director's wages	$2,000.00	
Assistant's wages	450.00	
Supplies & expenses	422.68	
Postage	58.00	
	$2,930.68	
Balance to Genral Fund		**$90.13**

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor M. Ward, Accountant

SCHOOL LIBRARY/MEDIA REPORT

The six school library/media centers in our school di.stricts have continued to work towards increased utilization of technol.ogy, striving towards the on-line computelization of each collect.ion. Last year the high school Resource Center commenced this major project, and this year the BSR school. library has begun the process in earnest. With the assistance of grant money and Block Grant allocations we hope to complete the project in two more years.

An integral part of this technology process has been the on-going inservice opportunities for library/media staff. Many workshopsafter school meetings and visitations have helped us gain a better understanding of new technology and software. Staff visited the Greenfield and Turners Falls high school libraries and participated in countless inservice workshops in the school district in preparation for using the Winnebago comprehensive software programs. All our school libraries have been engaged in serving students and teachers while simultaneously undertaking collection development, weeding outdated material and integrating new technology such as UMass K-l2 on-line computer services. The combined circulation for our school library/media centers is as follows:

Print Material	32,130
Non-Print Material	5,101
Inter-Library Loan	145
Total District Circulation	37,376

Library personnel continue to be involved in the development of a K-12 Technology Plan, library/media inservice programs, the Children's Literature Festival during the summer and individual courses at local colleges. Staff for the 1994 school year are as follows:

Buckland-Shelburne Regional School	Toni Wilcox
Colrain Central School	Eugenie Lynch
Hawlemont Regional Elementary	Candy Cross
Rowe Elementary	Wanda Mussachio
Sanderson Academy	Beverly Williams
Mohawk Trail Regional	Marjorie Porrovecchio
	Julie DuPree
	Patsy Jill Hinds
	Susan Silvester

We remain grateful to the many members of the local community who continue to donate print and non-print material, time and expertise.

Dr. Susan B. Silvester
Director of Instructional Media K-12

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

It is my pleasure to submit my thirteenth report as principal of Mohawk Trail Regional High School. The present school year is one which is marked by much activity and change. It brings with it a hope for facilities expansion and update and program development for all students.

On October 1, 1994, 791 students were in attendance; an increase of 60 over the previous year. We expect nearly 900 students by the year 1996. Four modular classrooms were added to accommodate the increase.

A faculty day of reflection at Linden Hill School opened the year and provided us with an agenda for change. Faculty, parents and students have been visiting model school programs throughout New England and each group is represented on school task forces which are developing advisory programs, new ways of scheduling, apprenticeships and examining graduation criteria. Reports of the task groups are expected in May, 1995 .

Our students continue to score creditably on standardized tests. Our tenth graders scored at the top of Franklin County Students in the MA Assessment of Educational Progress. New programs are being developed by math and English departments to assist students in mastering the SAT's. As of last spring, 55% of the graduating class had been accepted into two or four year colleges.

The middle school musical, "Annie Warbucks, " was performed in November to audiences in our towns and in Turners Falls. The reviews were extremely positive. Students are in the process of preparing the all-school musical "Carousel" for the spring.

Global Ecology students have two Costa Rica expeditions planned; social studies students have broadcast several mock trials, the science department introduced an Advanced Placement Biology course this fall, the foreign language staff is planning a winter excursion to Mexico and the Related Arts department is in the process of introducing a CAD/CAM program. The past summer also brought the design and equipping of an MS-DOS based computer lab, refurbishment of school lockers and the move of the Superintendent's Offices into a modular on the campus.

Athletics continue to provide students with a host of extra-curricular options. Boys' volleyball and cross country skiing have been added to the list of available sports for the present school year. Several teams have made it into tournament play. In several areas, the process of rebuilding is completed after the graduation of many talented seniors. We are enthused about the high level of community support for our athletic programs. On Booster Day, October 1, 1994, the football field was formally dedicated in honor of William C. "Bill" Pollard, a teacher, coach and friend who passed away last winter.

In summary, the school year is marked with excitement, change and hope. Architectural studies are underway to expand and renovate the school. Complete plans will be available tor the annual town meetings. We thank the residents of our towns for your complete support of the education of our young.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip A. Dzialo
Principal

1994
Mohawk Graduates
Town of Ashfield



Jesse Connor

Heather Gould

Matthew Heideman

Caleb Kabaniec

Jesse Rasid

Christopher Tilley

Thomas Schreiber

Daniel Wilson

SANDERSON ACADEMY
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

January 1995

Dear Mr. Cormier,

I submit my report as Principal of Sanderson Academy with sincere pleasure. In June 1994 25 children from Ashfield and Plainfield graduated from Sanderson Academy. Fifteen of those students resided in the town of Ashfield. They are:

Lewis Arvidson
Amy Booker
Patrick Finn
Kristina Gessing
Sarah Graves
Jason Putnam
Paul Tacy
Tobey Ward
Adeline Battalen
Heather Elwell
Teresa Frazier
Jeffrey Graham
Erin McNay
Rachel Sauter
John Tobacco

Our total enrollment on December l, 1994 totaled 225 students in grades K-6. The numbers of students at each grade level are as follows: 36 children in kindergarten; 31 children in grade one: 38 children in grade two; grade three totaled 29 students; fourth grade 29 students; and fifth grade 29 students; and 33 students in our sixth grade class. In this school year there are 173 students from Ashfield, 52 students enrolled from Plainfield. All classes are grouped heterogenously. Classes are grouped in the following manner; 2 sessions of kindergarten and two classes of every grade from 1-6. This year one fifth and one sixth grade class occupy the classrooms at the Ashfield House.

The faculty this year consists of 13 regular classroom teachers, one Special Education teacher and one Reading Specialist/Chapter I teacher and one Physical Education/Adaptive Physical Education teacher. There are three part-time teachers for art, vocal music, and instrumental music. A psychologist and speech/language pathologist each provide services three days per week. There are eight aides that provide additional support in the kindergarten class, Resource Room, and throughout the school. These positions are funded through the school budget as well as from grant monies.

Students at Sanderson Academy are offered a broad base of knowledge and learn to appreciate diversity in society. This is accomplished by offering a variety of activities throughout the year. Many of these would not be possible this past year without the assistance of the Ashfield and Plainfield Arts Lottery Councils, the Sanderson Alumni, and the Mission and Outreach Fund of St. John's Church. The Sanderson PTO works closely with our staff to monitor the needs in the classrooms. Monies are raised which have been used to provide field trip transportation, and other items formally requested by individual teachers. The Mary Lyon Gift Catalog continues to be a resource for us by providing materials and labor as requested by staff members. We sincerely thank all groups and individuals who have made our school experience richer for the students. John Porcino, Storyteller, performed for the students. Sara Pirtle worked in the school on a

month-long program entitled, "Take Down Walls - Build Bridges". This program brought awareness to our school community of the many prejudices that exist in society. Education leads to tolerance and acceptance. The Student Council existed again with representation from classrooms of grades 2 - 6. Twelve fifth and sixth grade students served as Peer Mediators again this year These students serve as conflict managers during the academic year. The Mexican Exchange Program continued with Escuela Lomas Altas in Mexico City. This past March ten students traveled to Ashfield and Plainfield from Mexico The following month twelve Sanderson students chaperoned by Alyson Patch traveled to Mexico. The Fifth Grade students, assisted by Sandy Carter, opened up a School Store as a fundraiser for their class trip. Two Winter Carnival Days were held in which students participated in outside winter activities.

Sanderson's professional staff continued with the dissemination of the NCTM (National Council of Teachers of Mathematics) Standards to parents and other teachers in the district. These were follow-up workshops with teachers from Hawlemont Regional School The new curriculum guides in each school and incorporatirly the NCTM Standards into the classroom were topics a group of teacher presented at a District Wide Workshopfor discussion.

Two Eisenllower Grants funded professional development in the area of technology for staff arld students. One grant provided for a computer workshop for teachers to gain awareness of software to aid in instruction within the Math Curriculum as well as integrated across other curricula areas. The second allowed students the opportunity for hands-on learning experiences with the use of computers and other telecommunication systems Field trips were taken to the Computer Museum in Boston and the Worcester Science Center. This helped as our Computer Lab was established and staffed by a Coordinator two days per week. The other three days parent volunteers work with groups of students and teachers bring classes in.

The local School Council develops and recommends to the School Committee goals for our school, a school improvement plan, and budget considerations. The School Council for this year, along with myself, is made up of two staff members. Barbara Kasper and Jeannie Robertson. The Parent Representatives are Irene Branson, Julie Gray, and Wendy Mimitz. Again, I am honored to be working alongside some very dedicated individuals, including the two community representatives, Judy Turcotte of Ashfield, and Pat North of Plainfield.

Next year the report will contain some very exciting developments as we pursue the construction of a new elementary school for the students of Ashfield and Plainfield. We are so grateful for the continued support of our two school communities.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Marie Mislak
Principal

1994 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

It is certainly with joy and pride that I write this Annual Report, marking the end of my first year as Superintendent of the Mohawk Trail Regional School District, the Hawlemont Regional School District, and the Rowe School District.

The newly expanded Mohawk Trail Regional School District, created by legislation passed on December 31, 1993, saw one school committee replace three committees. The new Mohawk Trail Regional School District Committee of 22 members has worked very hard at addressing the needs of schools in the district as well as working at unifying the three into one united district.

In my 1993 report, I indicated that the district was faced with serious building problems. I am happy to report that this is definitely one area that was addressed during this past year. Feasibility studies were made on four school buildings of the district and a study of the future needs of Heath was completed. Building committees were formed to study the feasibility study reports, come up with plans of action, and bring their recommendations to the voters. The people of the district, concerned with the education of their children, have responded to the needs revealed through the feasibility studies and the recommendations of the building committees.

On March 24, 1994, the voters of Heath approved the building of a new elementary school at a cost of $3,303,403. The State will reimburse 71.67% of this cost. Heath has progressed to the point of issuing bid documents. Bids are due by the end of February and construction should begin in April of 1995.

Four other projects were - or are about to be - presented to the voters for approval. If approved, these must be submitted to the State before June 1, 1995 in order to be placed on the approved building list:

1. Ashfield and Plainfield have approved the building of a new elementary school which will cost $5,016,947. A 72.5% reimbursement will come from the State.
2. Colrain has also approved an addition/renovation to their elementary school at a cost of $3,078,186. The town will receive a 77% reimbursement from the State.
3. Buckland and Shelburne will be voting on an addition/renovation to their elementary school estimated to be at $3,321,900. The State will reimburse the towns at a 71.67~ level.
4. Finally, six towns have approved a $750,000 loan for planning an addition/renovation project for Mohawk Trail Regional High School. Two other towns still have to vote approval of the planning project. If the addition/renovation project is approved at the town meetings in late Spring, the project could cost up to $12,297,242. A 71.67% reimbursement will come from the State.

In its continued implementation of the Massachusetts Education Reform Act of 1993, the State Board of Education has promulgated a new policy which will require all the teachers to be re-certified every five years. This also obligates the

District to develop and offer inservice programs that will help all staff meet the required 120 hours of inservice necessary for re-certification, free-of-charge to the teacher. The District, through Dot Lyman, Special Projects Liaison, is developing a plan to implement this program for all three Districts.

On December 20, 1994, the State Board also promulgated directives related to time and learning. The State mandates through this policy that all students in elementary school must interface with teachers a total of 900 hours per year. High School students will have to do the same for 990 hours per year. Not counted in these 900/990 hours are time spent in home room, recess, lunch, passing time between periods, etc. We do not exactly know how this will affect our schools. We do know, however, that we will have to add some time to the high school day.

The planned building of a new elementary school in Heath will leave Rowe with a very small school population. This has necessitated the school committee as well as the Rowe School Principal to plan a re-structuring of the program in this school. The School Committee has indicated its firm resolve to keep this school open as a "school of choice."

All of the work that has been done during this past year; whether in the area of school construction planning, implementation of new school reform legislation, development of new educational programs, the melding of three districts into one could not have been done had it not been for dedicated staff, concerned parents and citizens, and dedicated citizens who have run for election as school committee members or as members of special committees. In the name of all of the children of the District, a sincere "Thank You!"

Respectfully submitted,

Albert J. Cormier
Superintendent of Schools

1994 SPECIAL EDUCATION ANNUAL REPORT

As of December 1, 1994, there were 367 children receiving special education services throughout the nine towns of the Mohawk Trail Regional School District, Hawlemont Regional School District, and Rowe Elementary School. This accounts for approximately 19% of the total student and pre-school population. The majority of special services are provided within the individual's school district whenever possible. When, as in some cases, it becomes more effective to provide out-of-district services, such services are sought.

Chapter 766 of the Acts of 1972 require that services be provided to a "....school age child: any person of ages three through twenty-one up to his/her twenty-second birthday, who has not obtained a high school diploma or its equivalent....and who because of temporary or permanent adjustment difficulties or attributes arising from a developmental delay or intellectual, sensory, neurological, emotional, communication, physical factors, specific learning or health impairment or combination thereof, they would be unable to progress effectively in a developmentally appropriate education program and would require special education."

In order to meet the needs of our students, a wide variety of services are provided. A number of these services and their providers cover the entire nine town district, while others are found in individual districts.

System-wide services are provided and consist of occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech-language therapy, and the services of an Early Childhood Coordinator. A great deal of the therapy provided is on a one-to-one or small group basis. The goals and objectives that the therapist and student work on are addressed in the child's Individualized Education Plan. These goals and objectives are periodically reviewed so the child's program will continuously provide for the best possible program.

The Early Childhood Coordinator is responsible for implementing federally mandated child search activities in the nine town area throughout the year. The Early Childhood Coordinator coordinates and/or participates in: a) special needs screening of pre-schoolers ages 3 to 5 years; b) special needs screening of Kindergartners; and c) Team meetings for preschoolers and Kindergartners. The Early Childhood Coordinator also acts as a liaison with outside agencies serving young children in and from our district. In addition the Early Childhood Coordinator also acts as a resource person to parents, teachers, and other school staff in regards to resources, programs and services for young special needs children.

There are two primary goals in our special education program, one is to "mainstream", that is, to integrate the children into the regular education program as much as possible. And, two, we have also embarked on a program of "full-inclusion", where and whenever possible, which maintains the child in the classroom all-day, regardless of the disability.

There are ten special needs rooms throughout the nine town district. Most of the students serviced by these programs are seen for subject areas such as language arts, math study skills, etc., while also developing strategies and techniques which are aimed at helping children to both cope and/or remediate the effects of their disabilities on learning. The special education instructor often coordinates

the child's program with that of the regular education program. With the added assistance of the special education aides, the goals and objectives of each child's Individual Education Plan are implemented and regularly evaluated.

Each of the schools within our district receives services from a school psychologist. The school psychologist contributes a variety of services to our schools, chief among these services are their assessments of an individual's ability and the counseling provided to individuals.

All of the support services provided within our nine town district depend upon the strong networking of talented individuals. Parents (through individual and Parent Advisory Council support), school personnel, and outside support agencies, all assist in providing guidance in programs for children in both special and regular education programs. It is this coordinated effort that strengthens special education programs and enables us to meet the special needs of those we serve.

Respectfully submitted,

William Hickey
Director of Special Education

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Our total valuation for Fiscal 95 is $108,003,387 which is an increase of $1,617,025 from last year's total valuation of $106,386,362. Our tax rate is $13.25 per $1,000 of valuation, a decrease of $.05 over last year's tax rate of $13.30. It is necessary to raise $1,431,045 this year by taxation, an increase of $139,250 over last year's taxation amount of $1,414,938. Money appropriated included a debt exclusion of $36,737.71.

Fiscal 95 was a recertification year and valuations on all properties have been updated as of January 1, 1994, reflecting sales of the past two years.

Summary of Monies Raised by Taxation and Receipts

	FY92	FY93	FY94	FY95
1. Total amount to be raised	$1,559,247.74	$1,662,181.24	$1,818,374.62	$1,773,490.22
2. Receipts				
A. From State	175,812.00	135,036.00	138,492.00	148,030.00
B. Local	190,605.00	169,150.00	148,100.00	184,000.00
C. Available Funds				
1) Free Cash	40,586.00	62,200.00	50,244.00	30,000.00
2) Other Available Funds	4,000.00	4,000.00	66,600.00	38,350.00
D. Subtotal A, B, C,	411,003.00	370,386.00	403,436.00	400,380.00
3. Annual Tax Levy	1,148,244.71	1,291,795.24	1,414,938.62	1,431,044.87
4. Total assessed value	113,913,166.00	110,127,472.00	106,386,362.00	108,003,387.00
5. Tax Rate/$1,000 value	10.08	11.73	13.30	13.25

Summary of Levy Limits, Overrides and Debt Exclusions

	FY92	FY93	FY94	FY95
Previous Year levy (Minus Exclusions)	$1,046,152	$1,088,482	$1,236,908	$1,383,451
+Previous Year Unused Levy Capacity	1,528	110,713	13,405	964
+2.5% Of Previous Year Levy Limit	26,192	29,980	31,258	34,610
+New Grcwth	21,524	21,138	22,844	26,577
Override	103.799	0	80,000	0
New Levy Limit	1,199,195	1,250,313	1,384,415	1,445,602
+ Exclusions	59,762	54,887	31,487	36,737
Maximum Levy	1,258,957	1,305,200	1,415,902	1,482,339
- Actual Levy	1,148,244	1,291,795	1,414,938	1,431,044
Unused Levy Capacity	110,713	13,405	964	51,295

Peter H. Wiitanen
Laura B. Arruda
Leonard H. Roberts
Board of Assessors

LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL 1994

The following is a true list of appropriations voted at Special Town Meetings during fiscal year 1994.

Anne Yuryan, Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting

January 10. 1994	Transfer/Borrow	Taxation	Available Funds
Ashfield Plainfield Regional School District	Rescind Vote of 5/1/93	-474,485.00	
Mohawk Trail Regional School District	Rescind Vote of 5/1/93	-556,916.00	
Ashfield Plainfield Regional School District		+460,051.00	
Mohawk Trail Regional School District		+496,632.00	
(From Free Cash)			39,244.00
Short Term Debt Account (From Medical Ins. Acct.)		6,500.00	
Employees Sick-Leave Account (From Ins. Town Buildings)	8,000.00		
Police Departrnent Account (From Police Chief Salary Acct.)	6,499.00		
Belding Memorial Library (From Public Officials Liability Acct.)	800.00		
TOTALS:	**$174,626.00**	**$1,655,822.51**	**$94,594.00**

Special Town Meeting

April 28, 1994

Purchase of "Smith land" Community Septic System Borrowing	95,000.00		
TOTALS:	**$269,626.00**	**$1,655,822.51**	**$94,594.00**

Special Town Meeting

June 29, 1994

Town Hall Renovation for handicapped access. Borrowing	200,000.00		
Town Hall Renovation (From Stabilization)			38,000.00
TOTALS:	**$469,626.00**	**$1,655,822.51**	**$132,594.00**
GRAND TOTAL:			**$1,788,416.51**

LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS - FISCAL 1995

The following is a true list of appropriations voted at the Annual Town Meeting held on May 7, 1994:

ATTEST: Anne Yuryan, Town Clerk

Fiscal Year 1995 Annual Town Meeting

May 7, 1994

	Transfer/Borrow	Taxation	Available Funds
Administrative Assistant		15,375.00	
Accountant		7,000.00	
Appeals Board		360.00	
Assessors' Expenses		19,284.00	
Assessors Equipment		2,500.00	
Audit & Accounting		2,750.00	
Belding Memorial Library		11,655.00	
Bonds		800.00	
Care of Soldiers Graves		700.00	
Conservation Commission			350.00
(From Wetlands Accl.)			
Council on Aging		1,797.00	
Dispatch Service/Computer		4,000.00	
Dog Officer Expenses		150.00	
Dog Officer Salary		400.00	
Elections		1,090.25	
Fire Chiefs Salary		800.00	
Fire Department		18,500.00	
Fire Protection		1,693.52	
Fire Truck Loan Principal		20,000.00	
Interest		638.24	
Foothills Health District		12,883.20	
Franklin County Bldg. Ins. Pro.		15,830.72	
Fuel Exp. Acct: Fire		750.00	
Hwy/Amb.		13,000.00	
Police		4,000.00	
General Highway Chap. 81		75,000.00	
Health Board Expenses		550.00	
Health Board Salary 3@300.00		900.00	
Health Insurance		35,500.00	
Heating Town Buildings		4,000.00	
Highway Dept. :New Plow		4,000.00	
Highway Dept. :New Loader			
Borrowing	65,000.00		
Highway Super. Salary		31,394.00	
Hilltown Resource Management		5,831.00	
Historical Commission		200.00	
Human Relations Commission		300.00	
Inspector of Animals		150.00	
Interest on Loans		6,500.00	

May 7, 1994	Transfer/Borrow	Taxation	Available Funds
Insurance: Town Bldg./Equip.		16,000.00	
Public Officials Liability		1,500.00	
Lifeguard		4,000.00	
Machinery Maint. Exp.		44,400.00	
Medicare		9,500.00	
Memorial Day		500.00	
Office Expenses		4,200.00	
Parks and Beach		3,900.00	
Planning Board		1,635.00	
Police Chief Salary		28,700.00	
Police Chief Holiday Pay		1,103.80	
Police Department		31,070.00	
Registrars of Voters		500.00	
Reserve Fund		10,000.00	
Retirement System		21,900.00	
School Committee			
Sch. Comm. 3@150.00		450.00	
Ashfield-Plainfield		0.00	
Mohawk Trail K-12 Dis.		985,757.57	
(Operating-895,214.08)			
(Capital - 14,181.49)			
(Vocational-76,362.00)			
Sick Leave		7,750.00	
Sewer Loan: Principal		15,000.00	
Interest		1,099.47	
Stabilization			30,000.00
(From Free Cash)			
Street Lights		3,500.00	
Street Lists		450.00	
Tax Collector's Expenses		3,385.00	
Town Clerk's Expenses		645.00	
Town Counsel		7,500.00	
Town Hall Maint.		4,000.00	
Town Hall Renovation		5,000.00	
TOWN OFFICER SALARIES			
Selectman, Chr.		1,000.00	
Selectmen (2@$800.)		1,600.00	
Assessor, Chr.		1,000.00	
Assessors (2@$800.)		1,600.00	
Moderator		100.00	
Tax Collector		4,000.00	
Town Clerk		3,000.00	
Treasurer		4,000.00	
Tree Warden		3,000.00	
Town Reports		2,000.00	
Transfer Station		45,000.00	
Treasurers Expenses		1,000.00	
Unemployment		500.00	
Vacation, Personal, Bereavement		12,600.00	
Veterans' Benefits		100.00	
W. Franklin Vets Dist.		3,472.45	
Winter Roads		72,500.00	

May 7, 1994	Transfer/Borrow	Taxation	Available
Worker's Compensation		10,500.00	
Youth Commission		4,440.00	
TOTALS:	**$65.000.00**	**$1,705,140.22**	**$30,350.00**
GRAND TOTAL			**$1,735,490.22**

Special Town Meeting

October 19, 1994

Improvement of Roads, C.85			
C44, sec.6A Borrowing	237,841.00		
Town Hall Renovation Acct.			
(From Fred Cross Fund)			$3.500.00
TOTALS:	**$302,841.00**	**$1,705,140.22**	**$33,850.00**

Special Town Meeting

October 24, 1994

Design/construction wastewater treatment system			
C.44, sec.8 Borrowing	$1,763,200.00		
TOTALS:	**$2,066,041.00**	**$1,705,140.22**	**$33,850.00**

Special Town Meeting

December 8, 1994

Life Guard Acct.			
(From Parks & Beach Fund)			$500.00
TOTALS:	**$2,066,041.00**	**$1,705,140.22**	**$34,350.00**

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

NOTE: This Warrant is for the voter's information only and changes, additions and/or deletions may occur prior to the posting of the Official Warrant.

FRANKLIN, SS:
To any of the Constables of the Town of Ashfield in the County of Franklin, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Ashfield, on Saturday, May sixth, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

ART. 1. TO CHOOSE A MODERATOR, AUDITOR, TOWN CLERK, TREASURER, TREE WARDEN, all for ONE YEAR TERMS. A FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER, and a PARK COMMITTEE MEMBER, all for TWO YEAR TERMS. A SELECT BOARD MEMBER, ASSESSOR, BOARD OF HEALTH, 3 CONSTABLES, 2 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS, K-12 MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER, and a PARK COMMITTEE MEMBER, all for THREE YEAR TERMS. A PLANNING BOARD MEMBER, for FOUR YEARS. A BELDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY TRUSTEE, and a PLANNING BOARD MEMBER for FIVE YEAR TERMS. Polls shall close at 6:00 PM.

ART. 2. TO ACT ON THE REPORTS OF THE TOWN OFFICERS.

ART. 3. (This article by petition) To see if the voters will direct the Board of Selectmen to rescind their vote of March 13, 1995 regarding the placement of a proposed handicapped elevator in the front lobby of Town Hall in order to improve handicapped accessibility and to replace it with the following instructions to the architects:

To authorize Margo Jones Architects to design a plan that: locates a handicapped elevator linking the first and second floors in the rear (southwest) corner of Town Hall in order to improve handicapped accessibility and to preserve the historic character of the building; provides handicapped access from Main Street to the first floor of Town Hall via a renovated ramp along the west exterior of the building; locates renovated bathrooms in the rear (southwest) corner of Town Hall next to the elevator; removes the existing bathrooms in the first floor hall; converts the existing assessor's office to an open office; locates chest high partitions on the east and west sides of the first floor hall to provide additional meeting and office space while preserving existing seating in the middle of the hall; insulates the walls and installs interior storm windows in the first floor hall; renovates the front exterior steps and sidewalks with flat stone pavers and converts the basement to a storage area not requiring handicapped accessibility. Maximum budget for said work not to exceed the amount originally allocated to the project.

ART. 4. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE AND/OR TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS IN THE TREASURY THE FOLLOWING SUMS OF MONEY TO PAY FOR THE EXPENSES OF GENERAL GOVERNMENT, OR ACT RELATIVE THERETO:

Administrative Assistant	$15,760.00
Accountant	7,000.00
Appeals Board	375.00
Assessorsl Expenses	19,654.00
Audit & accounting	3,000.00
Bonds	800.00
Conservation Commission	500.00
Elections	1,150.00
Heating Town Buildings	4,000.00
Sewer fee Town Buildings	1,500.00

Sewer hook-up Town Bldgs	10,000.00
Insurance: Town Bldg./Equip.	12,000.00
Public Offs.Liab.	1,000.00
Office Expenses	4,890.00
Planning Board	1,650.00
Registrars of Voters	500.00
Street Lists	450.00
Tax Collector's Expenses	3,635.00
Town Clerk's Expenses	805.00
Town Counsel	5,000.00
Town Hall Maint.	4,500.00
Town Hall Renovation	5,000.00
Painting Town Hall	3,000.00
TOWN OFFICER SALARIES	
Selectman, Chr.	1,500.00
Selectmen (2@$1,250)	2,500.00
Assessor, Chr.	1,500.00
Assessors (2@1,250)	2,500.00
Moderator	100.00
Tax Collector	4,500.00
Town Clerk	3,500.00
Treasurer	5,500.00
Town Reports	2,000.00
Treasurer's Expenses	1,250.00
	$131,019.00

ART. 4A. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $2,500.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A COMPUTER FOR THE ASSESSORS, OR ACT RELATIVE THERETO.

ART. 4B. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $10,000.00 FOR A RESERVE FUND, OR ACT RELATIVE THERETO.

ART. 4C. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO APPROPRIATE AND TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $35,000.00 FOR THE STABILIZATION FUND, OR ACT RELATIVE THERETO.

ART. 5. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE FOLLOWING SUMS OF MONEY TO PAY THE EXPENSES OF PUBLIC SAFETY, OR ACT RELATIVE THERETO:

Franklin Cty. Inspector Prog. $16	$16,736.81
Animal Control Officer Expenses	300.00
Animal Control Officer Salary	500.00
Civil Defense	200.00
Fire Chief's Salary	800.00
Fire Department	19,202.00
Fire Protection	1,693.52

Fuel Exp. Acct:	Fire	750.00
	Hwy/Amb.	15,000.00
	Police	4,000.00
Police Chief Salary		29,852.00
Police Chief Holiday Pay		1,148.00
Police Department		28,888.00
Tree Warden		3,800.00
		$122,870.33

ART. 6. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE FOLLOWING SUMS OF MONEY TO PAY HIGHWAY AND ROAD EXPENSES, OR ACT RELATIVE THERETO:

General Highway Chapt 81	$78,000.00
Machinery Maint. Exp.	46,000.00
Street Lights	3,251.00
Hwy Superintend. Salary	32,179.00
Winter Roads	74,500.00
	$233,930.00

ART. 7. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE FOLLOWING SUMS TO FUND CULTURAL/RECREATIONAL COSTS OR ACT RELATIVE THERETO:

Belding Memorial Library	$17,500.00
Historical Commission	200.00
Lifeguard	5,000.00
Parks and Beach	3,900.00
Memorial Day	500.00
Youth Commission	4,500.00
Human Relations Commission	300.00
	$31,900.00

ART. 7A. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS $10,000.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING BELDING PARK, OR ACT RELATIVE THERETO.

ART. 8. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE FOLLOWING SUMS OF MONEY TO PAY THE COSTS OF SANITATION SERVICES, OR ACT RELATIVE THERETO:

Hilltown Resource Management	$6,005.93
Inspector of Animals	200.00
Transfer Station	46,000.00
	$52,205.93

ART. 9. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS OF MONIES TO PAY THE FOLLOWING HEALTH SERVICES EXPENSES, OR ACT RELATIVE THERETO:

Foothills Health District	$11,813.74
Health Board Expenses	500.00
Health Bd Salary (3 @300)	1,350.00
	$13,663.74

ART. 10. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE FOLLOWING SUMS OF MONEY TO PAY THE COSTS OF PUBLIC EDUCATION, OR ACT RELATIVE THERETO:

Sch. Committee (3@ 225)	675.00
Mohawk Trail K-12 District	$990,958.32
	$991.633.32

ART. 10A. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO APPROVE THE AMOUNT OF $13,183,645.00 DEBT AUTHORIZED BY VOTE OF THE MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON MARCH 29, 1995 FOR RECONSTRUCTING, ADDING TO AND EQUIPPING THE MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL; PROVIDED THAT ANY DEBT INCURRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THAT VOTE, SHALL BE CONTINGENT UPON THE PASSAGE OF A PROPOSITION TWO AND ONE-HALF DEBT EXCLUSION VOTE IN ACCORDANCE WITH MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 59, SECTION 21C.

ART. 11. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE FOLLOWING SUMS TO PAY FOR HUMAN SERVICES,OR ACT RELATIVE THERETO:

Care of Soldiers' Graves	$700.00
Council on Aging	2,341.92
Veterans' Benefits	100.00
W. Franklin Vets Dist.	3,117.18
	$6,259.10

ART. 12. (At article 12 there will be one or more articles relating to the governance and funding of the Sewer System and Wastewater Treatment Plant. These articles are not available at press time for inclusion in the Town Report. They will be included on the Official Warrant which will be posted at the Town Hall and Post Office.)

ART 13. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN TREASURER, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE SELECTMEN, TO BORROW THE SUM OF $100,000.00 AS PROVIDED UNDER CHAPTER 44, SECTION 7, CLAUSE 9 OF THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, AND APPROPRIATE AND TRANSFER THE SUM OF $48,500.00 FROM THE STABILIZATION FUND, A TOTAL OF $148,500.00, IN ORDER TO PURCHASE A NEW FIRE TRUCK FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, SAID BORROWING CONTINGENT UPON THE PASSAGE OF A DEBT EXCLUSION QUESTION, OR ACT RELATIVE THERETO.

ART. 14. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE AND/OR TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS, THE FOLLOWING SUMS TO DEFRAY CHARGES FOR THE FOLLOWING DEBT SERVICE ACCOUNTS, OR ACT RELATIVE THERETO:

Debt exclusion:		
Sewer Loan:	Principal	$20,000.00
	Interest	1,000.00
Sewer-Short term:	Interest	31,792.00
Handicap Access::	Principal	20,000.00
	Interest	5,000.00
Highway Loader:	Principal	63,995.00
	Interest	3,039.76
Other:		
Interest on Loans:		5,000.00
		$149,826.76

ART.15. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE FOLLOWING SUMS OF MONEY TO DEFRAY CHARGES FOR EMPLOYEE BENEFIT ACCOUNTS, OR ACT RELATIVE THERETO:

Health Insurance	$35,500.00
Medicare	9,500.00
Retirement System	24,313.00
Sick Leave	7,800.00
Unemployment	500.00
Vacations, Personal, Bereav	13,350.00
Worker's Compensation	8,500.00
	$99,463.00

ART. 16. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE 1994 AMBULANCE EARNINGS & GIFTS DEPOSITED IN THE AMBULANCE MAINTENANCE FUND TO BE USED TO MAINTAIN AND EQUIP THE TOWN AMBULANCE, OR ACT RELATIVE THERETO.

ART. 17. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE SELECTMAN TO DISPOSE OF ANY USED TOWN OWNED EQUIPMENT AND/OR PROPERTY, OR ACT RELATIVE THERETO.

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Town of
ASHFIELD
Massachusetts



1995
ANNUAL REPORT

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OF THE

Officers and Committees

OF THE TOWN OF

ASHFIELD

MASSACHUSETTS



For the Year Ending 1995

Weber Enterprises
Shelburne Falls, Mass. 01370

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UNITED STATES SENATORS

Edward H. Kennedy, Boston
432 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

John Kerry, Boston
Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

John W. Olver, Amherst
1118 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-2101

GOVERNOR

William F. Weld, Cambridge

STATE SENATOR

Stanley C. Rosenberg, Amherst
Room 413A, State House
Boston, Massachusetts 02133

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Shaun Kelly, Dalton
Room 473B, State House
Boston, Massachusetts 02133

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Mary L. Forbes, Greenfield
Term expires January, 1999

Margaret Striebel, Gill
Term expires January, 1997

John J. Stobierski, Chairman, Whately
Term expires January, 1997

TOWN OFFICERS

The Board of Selectmen holds regular weekly meetings every Mon day evening at the Town Offices in the Town Hall from 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

MODERATOR
RICHARD M. EVANS

AUDITOR
DONNA SARRO

1 yr. terms

TOWN CLERK
ANNE YURYAN

TREASURER
JANET M. SWEM

TREE WARDEN
ROBERT A. LAPOINTE

TAX COLLECTOR 3 yr. term

MARIAN C. FITZGERALD	Term expires 1997

BOARD OF SELECTMEN 3 yr. term

BILL PERLMAN, Chr.	Term expires 1996
JOHN L. MATTIS (resigned 10/15/95)	Term expires 1997
DONALD L. ROBINSON	Term expires 1998
M. DIANNE MULLER (elected 01/05/96)	Term expires 1997

BOARD OF ASSESSORS 3 yr. term

PETER H. WIITANEN, Chr.	Term expires 1997
LAURA B. ARRUDA	Term expires 1998
LEONARD H. ROBERTS	Term expires 1996

FINANCE COMMITTEE 3 yr. term

THOMAS G. CRANSTON, Chr.	Term expires 1998
PHILIP E. PLESS	Term expires 1996
THOMAS S. CARTER	Term expires 1996
M. DIANNE MULLER (resigned 01/05/96)	Term expires 1998
MARY LINK	Term expires 1998
DALE KIRKPATRICK (appointed 1/29/95)	Term expires 1996

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL COSMITTEE 3 yr. term

THOMAS ULRICH, Chr.	Term expires 1998
STEVEN A. SAUTER	Term expires 1997
NORMAN L. RUSSELL	Term expires 1996

BOARD OF HEALTH 3 yr. term

HARRY L. DODSON, Chr.	Term expires 1997
DUNCAN B. COLTER	Term expires 1996
ROBERT J. PRATT	Term espires 1998

CONSTABLES 3 yr. term

JOHN A. LaBELLE	Term expires 1998
STEVEN W. GREENMAN	Term expires 1998
RAYMOND REDFERN	Term expires 1998

PARK COMMISSIONERS 3 yr. term

BEVERLY LABELLE	Term expires 1998
ROBERT M. LEVENSON, Chr.(resg'n 10/95)	Term espires 1996
KAREN M. SCHLICHTER	Term expires 1998

PLANNING BOARD 5 yr. term

GRACE E. LESURE	Term expires 1998
WALTER CUDNOHUFSKY, Chr.	Term expires 1997
ALDEN J. GRAY	Term expires 1996
MICHAEL FITZGERALD	Term expires 1999
JONATHAN G.CRANSTON	Term expires 2000

LIBRARY TRUSTEES 5 yr. term

DIANA M. BENNETT (resigned)	Term expires 1998
D. TIERTZA LEAH SCHWARTZ, Chr.	Term expires 1997
ELLEN M. MILLER	Term expires 1996
DAVID F. KING	Term expires 1999
SALLY J. RICE	Term expires 2000

The following offices are filled by Appointment:

BOARD OF APPEALS

CLAYTON C. CRAFT	June 1997
STUART A. HARRIS	June 1998
JOHN F. McNIFF, Chr.	June 1998
KENNETH A. LILLY, Assoc.	June 1998
ANNE YURYAN, Assoc.	June 1998

CULTURAL COUNCIL

JANE LUND	June 1997
BEVERY K. DUNCAN	June 1997
FRED H. REES	June 1997
SUSAN R. McGOWAN	June 1997
JOHN B. WERNER	June 1997
TICIA KANE	June 1998
FRANK WARD	June 1998

ASHFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION

RUTH J. CRAFT	June 1996
MARGARET S. KEITH, Chr.	June 1996
SUSAN R. McGOWAN	June 1998
ERIC A. NELSON	June 1997
JOHN H. BOS	June 1997
RONALD W. JOHNSON (resigned 11/95)	June 1997
CAROLINE CARRITHERS (App't 11/95)	June 1998

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

RICHARD G. MULLER, JR., Chr.	June 1998
STEPHEN G. TILLEY	June 1996
ERIC A. NELSON	June 1997
WILLIAM R. FITZGERALD	June 1996
ELIZABETH STEWART	June 1998

COUNCIL ON AGING

CASSANDRA B. NAWROCKI	June 1996
SYLVIA MONK, Chr.	June 1997
GEORGE C. MONK	June 1998
SALLY G. STRAUSS	June 1998

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT BOARD

THOMAS A. McCRUMM, Chr.	June 1998
DOUGLAS A. CRANSON	June 1996
GILBERT H. HOWES	June 1997

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT COMMITTEE

DIANA M. BENNETT	AARON W. CLARK
MARGARET A. McGUIRE	JAMES A. CAIN

YOUTH COMMISSION

ALYSON L. PATCH, Chr.(resign effective 4/96)

MARGARET McGUIRE	JOHANNA ANDERSON

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

HELEN BOYDEN	ANDREA SEARS
Rev. BETH LONG	JEAN FERRIS
RAYMOND G. REDFERN	PETER ELENOIS

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

SUSAN A. GAMBINO	RUTH J. CRAFT
ANNE YURYAN	JANICE W. SCOTT

AMBULANCE SERVICE

DOUGLAS MOLLISON, Director

CHIEF OF POLICE

Raymond G. Redfern

FIRE CHIEF & FOREST WARDEN

DOUGLAS M. FIELD

BUILDING INSPECTOR PROGRAM

VICTOR STALEY, Building Inspector

WIRING INSPECTION PROGRAM
EDWARD F. MARCHEFKA, Wiring Inspector

PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTION PROGRAM
PAULIN J. BUROWSRI, Plumbing & Gas Inspector

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR
CARMEN J. DeLUCA, JR.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT
LESLIE C. LADD

VETERANS' AGENT
JOHN EVANS

BURIAL AGENT, ACTING
RALPH E. TOWNSLEY

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER
WARREN KIRKPATRICK

INSPECTOR OF ANIMAL
KIM L. REARDON

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
ALBERT J. CORMIER

FIELD DRIVERS
E. WILL HEISER
ROLAND E. TOWNSLEY

FENCE VIEWERS
ALDEN J. GRAY

SURVEYOR OF WOOD & LUMBER
RAMON R. SEARS

FREDERICK W. WELLS TRUSTEE
DOUGLAS A. CHANDLER — May 1996

CARL NILMAN SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
EDWIN P. NYE — September 1998

Special Committees:

SEWER COMMITTEE
Selectmen to serve as the Sewer Committee until a Sewer Commission is established.
DONALD L. ROBINSON
BILL PERLMAN
M. DIANNE MULLER

SEWER CONNECTION COMMITTEE
Peter Wiitanen
Bruce Bennett
Philip Nolan, Jr.
Eleanor Ward

HIGHWAY GARAGE RELOCATION COMMITTEE
Curtis Pichette
Abigail Abbott
Kenneth Roberts
Thomas Carter

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Our total valuation for Fiscal 96 is $108,644,506 which is an increase of $641,119 from last year's total valuation of $108,003,387. Our tax rate is $13.62 per $1000 of valuation, an increase of $.37 over last year's tax rate of $13.25. It is necessary to raise $1,479,738 this year by taxation, an increase of $48,693 over last year's taxation amount of $1,431,045. Money appropriated included a debt exclusion of $144,827.

Summary of Monies Raised by Taxation and Receipts

	FY93	FY94	FY95	FY96
1.Total amount to be raised	$1,662,181.24	$1,818,374.62	$1,831,424.87	$2,042,532.67
2.Receipts				
A. From State	135,036.00	138,492.00	148,030.00	184,333.00
B. Local	169,150.00	148,100.00	184,000.00	211,646.50
C. Available Funds				
1. Free Cash	62,200.00	50,244.00	30,000.00	110,815.00
2. Other Available Funds	4,000.00	66,600.00	38,350.00	56,000.00
D. Subtotal A,B,C	307,386.00	403,436.00	400,380.00	562,794.50
3.Annual Tax Levy(1-2D)	1,291,795.24	1,414,938.62	1,431,044.87	1,479,738.17
4.Total Assessed Value	110,127,472.00	106,386,362.00	108,003,387.00	108,644,506.00
5. Tax Rate/$1000 Value (3/4x1000)	11.73	13.30	13.25	13.62

SUMMARY OF LEVY LIMITS, OVERRIDES AND DEBT EXCLUSIONS

	FY93	FY94	FY95	FY96
Previous Year Levy (Minus Exclusions)	$1,088,482	$1,236,908	$1,333,451	1,394,307
+Previous Year Unused Levy Capacity	110,713	13,405	964	51,295
	29,980	31,258	34,610	36,140
+2.5% Of Previous Year Levy Limit	21,138	22,844	26,577	17,861
+ New Growth Override	0	80,000	0	0
New Levy Limit	1,250,313	1,384,415	1,445,602	1,499,603
+ Exclusions	54,887	31,487	36,737	144,827
Maximum Levy	1,305,200	1,415,902	1,482,339	1,644,430

- Actual Levy	- 1,291,795	- 1,414,938	- 1,431,044	- 1,479,738
Unused Levy Capacity	13,405	964	51,295	164,692

PETER H. WIITANEN
LAURA B. ARRUDA
LEONARD H. ROBERTS
BOARD OF ASSESSORS

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Vital Statistics
January 1, 1995 - December 31, 1995

Births	
Females	8
Males	11
Total	19
Deaths	
Females	7
Males	12
Total	19
Marriages	
Residents	7
Non-residents	1
Total	8

Elections
January 1, 1995 - December 31, 1995

Special Ballot Election January 10, 1995
New Elementary School & Mohawk Renovations
193 Votes Cast 1098 Registered Voters
Percentage of registered voters casting ballots= 18%.

Annual Town Election May 6, 1995
205 Votes Cast 1116 Registered Voters
Percentage of registered voters casting ballots= 18%.

Dog Licenses Issued
January 1, 1995 - December 31, 1995

177	Males @ $3.00	$531.00
23	Females @ $6.00	$138.00
168	Spayed Females @ $3.00	$504.00
9	Kennels @ $10.00	$90.00
1	Kennels @ $25.00	$25.00
	Total	$1288.00
	Fees Retained	$283.50
	Paid to Town Treasurer	$1004.50

Fish & Wildlife Licenses Issued
January 1, 1995 - December 31, 1995

20	Resident fishing @ $12.50	$250.00
01	Resident citizen minor @ $6.50	$6.50
02	Resident fishing (65-69) @ $6.25	$12.50
02	Resident fishing (over 70)	Free
01	Non-resident citizen 7 day @ $11.50	$11.50
02	Resident hunting @ $12.50	$25.00
01	Resident citizen parapalegic	Free
01	Non-resident hunting (big game) @ $48.50	$48.50
17	Resident sporting @ $19.50	$331.50
03	Resident sporting (65-69) @ $9.75	$29.25
12	Resident sporting (over 70)	Free
04	Archery/primitive firearms stamps@ $5.10	$20.40
44	Wildlands conservation stamps(residents) @ $5.00	$220.00
02	Wildlands conservation stamps(non-residents)@ $5.00	$10.00
	Total	$965.15
	Fees retained	$23.90
	Paid to Commonwealth of Massachusetts	$941.25

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Yuryan, Town Clerk

ASHFIELD BURIAL GROUND ASSOCIATION

(Supplemental to Town Clerk's record)

Burials in Ashfield Cemeteries
January 1, 1995 to December 31, 1995

Name	Date of Death	Date of Burial	Cemetery
Myrle (Braun) Whitehouse	2 - 9 - 95	5 - 2 - 95	Plain
Alice I. Warren	3 -13 - 95	4 -30 - 95	Plain
John M. O'Brien	4 -18 - 95	4 -26 - 95	Hill
Allan C. Willis	6 - 7 - 94	6 -12 - 95	Plain
Margaret C. (Day) Clark	2 - 5 - 95	6 -20 - 95	Plain
Florence B. (Purrier) Donley	8 -12 - 95	8 -18 - 95	Plain
Ray Kier Kuhns	8 -29 - 95	9 - 2 - 95	Briar Hill
Ethel (Dyer) Williams	10 -18 - 95	10 -21 - 95	Plain
Dorothy (Jenkins) Tatro	10 -22 - 95	10 -25 - 95	Plain
Harold Gardner	11 - 3 - 95	11 - 8 - 95	Plain
Walter Frank Oldendorph	12 -12 - 94	11 -28 - 95	Plain
Robert H. Bennett	12 - 5 - 95	12 -11 - 95	Hill
Edward B Streeter	12 -15 - 95	12 -18 - 95	Plain

Ralph E. Townsley
Burial Agent

1995 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

On December 31st, 1995, the Mohawk Trail Regional K-12 District celebrated its second anniversary. During the last two years - and more avidly during the last year - efforts of the District have been to bring about a closer union of the three districts that joined to make up the K-12 district. Not wanting to leave out Hawlemont Regional and Rowe districts, these two were invited to participate in the activities described below. Since both districts feed children to the Mohawk Trail Regional Jr.-Sr. High School, they wanted to share in whatever developmental programs the Mohawk Trail Regional District undertook.

In August, a group of 13 teachers/administrators/School Committee members attended a full week workshop at American International College. Sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Education, its goal was to develop a leadership team whose purpose was to set a direction for the District(s) and develop long range plans for the future education of children in our schools. The group included people from the Mohawk and Hawlemont Regional School Districts.

By the end of the week, the team had decided on three goals:

1. - Develop a Mission Statement which would set the direction of education in the districts for years to come;

2. - Develop common curriculum goals in PreK-8 science so that all children in the Districts' schools would enter high school having been exposed to similar programs; and

3. - Communicate to all staff an understanding of the Guiding Principles that would be the basis of the curriculum frameworks coming from the State.

Personnel from all three Districts have participated in activities developed by the leadership team toward the completion of the three goals and see the successful completion of these by June of 1996.

In Spring of 1995, all three Districts voted to support and fund the new position of Director of Technology. There is no doubt in my mind that we would be remiss if we did not graduate students who know how to use technology in seeking information, solving problems, communicating with others, etc. We are quickly moving to the time where one who lacks these skills will certainly be at a disadvantage in the 21st century world. Douglas Wilkins of Heath was hired as the three Districts' Director of Technology. The main thrust of his activity since September has been to take stock of what each school has in the area of technology, visiting schools and classrooms where he works with teachers and students, offering workshops to staff to help them further develop their skills, and chair a technology committee whose work it is to develop a long range plan for technology in our Districts. Not only is this position a "must", but the individual chosen for the position has proven to be an asset to all.

The Summer of 1995 saw the completion of the first phase of the Mohawk Trail Regional High School addition/renovation program. A new peaked roof now graces the classroom wing of the building; the conversion of the heating system to gas heat in the classroom wing; and the installation of new ventilation system, also in the classroom wing, have all been completed.

Work on the new Heath Elementary School has been progressing since early Spring and its Summer of 1996 completion date is definitely assured. A Committee of fourteen members - nine of whom were Heath citizens - chose Philip O'Reilly as the Principal of the new school. He will be in this position full-time as of early February when he will begin recruiting a staff as well as define the curriculum for the close to 100 students who will attend the school this coming September.

The Rowe School Committee has been working hard during this past year in planning the conversion of their 100+ student school to a much smaller school for the coming year. Determined to maintain an elementary school that will offer superior programs coupled with new and innovative teaching methodology, the School Committee is ready to do what is necessary to guarantee the success of its "new" school and of its students.

My goal for the coming year is to continue supporting activities that will help develop common goals, common curricula, etc. to help guarantee the successful implementation of educational reform in the Mohawk Trail Regional, Hawlemont Regional, and Rowe School Districts.

Respectfully submitted,
Albert J. Cormier

1995 SPECIAL EDUCATION ANNUAL REPORT

As of December 1, 1995, there were 381 children receiving special education services throughout the nine towns of the Mohawk Trail Regional School District, Hawlemont Regional School District, and Rowe Elementary School. This accounts for approximately 22% of the total student and preschool population. The majority of special services are provided within the individual's school district whenever possible. When, as in some cases, it becomes more effective to provide out-of-district services, such services are sought.

Chapter 766 of the Acts of 1972 require that services be provided to a school age child: any person of ages three through twenty-one up to his/her twenty-second birthday, who has not obtained a high school diploma or its equivalent ...and who because of temporary or permanent adjustment difficulties or attributes arising from a developmental delay or intellectual, sensory, neurological, emotional, communication, physical factors, specific learning or health impairment or combination thereof, they would be unable to progress effectively in a developmentally appropriate education program and would require special education."

In order to meet the needs of our students, a wide variety of services are provided. A number of these services and their providers cover the entire nine town district, while others are found in individual districts.

System-wide services are provided and consist of occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech-language therapy, and the services of an Early Childhood Coordinator. A great deal of the therapy provided is on a one-to-one or small group basis. The goals and objectives that the therapist and student work on are addressed in the child's Individualized Education Plan. These goals and objectives are periodically reviewed so the child's program will continuously provide for the best possible program.

The Early childhood Coordinator is responsible for implementing federally mandated child search activities in the nine town area throughout the year. The Early Childhood Coordinator coordinates and/or participates in: a) special needs screening of pre-schoolers ages 3 to 5 years; b) special needs screening of Kindergartners; and c) Team meetings for preschoolers and Kindergartners. The Early Childhood Coordinator also acts as a liaison with outside agencies serving young children in and from our district. In addition the Early Childhood Coordinator also acts as a resource person to parents, teachers, and other school staff in regards to resources, programs and services for young special needs children.

There are two primary goals in our special education program, one is to "mainstream", that is, to integrate the children into the regular education program as much as possible. And, two, we have also embarked on a program of "full-inclusion", where and whenever possible, which maintains the child in the classroom all-day, regardless of the disability.

There are eleven special needs rooms throughout the nine town district. Most of the students serviced by these programs are seen for subject areas such as language arts, math study skills, etc., while also developing strategies and techniques which are aimed at helping children to both cope and/or remediate the effects of their disabilities on learning. A new program was instituted this year at the middle school. The program is referred to as the Language Based Program and is designed to assist students who have specific language processing difficulties.

Typically, the special education instructor often coordinates the child's program with that of the regular education teacher's program. With the added assistance of the special education aides, the goals and objectives of each child's Individual Education Plan are implemented and regularly evaluated.

Each of the schools within our district receives services from a school psychologist. The school psychologist contributes a variety of services to our schools, chief among these services are their assessments of an individual's ability and the counseling provided to individuals.

All of the support services provided within our nine town district depend upon the strong networking of talented individuals. Parents (through individual and Parent Advisory Council support), school personnel, and outside support agencies, all assist in providing guidance in programs for children in both special and regular education programs. It is this coordinated effort that strengthens special education programs and enables us to meet the special needs of those we serve.

Respectfully submitted,
William Hickey
Director of Special Education

ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE MARY LYON EDUCATION FUND

Incorporated in March of 1991, the Mary Lyon Education Fund is a 501(c)3 community based non-profit organization which supports excellence in local public education in the towns of Ashfield, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Hawley, Heath, Plainfield, Rowe and Shelburne. Serving on the Board of Directors are the following community representatives: President Barbara Bishop, Judy Anderson, Sylvia Smith, Marion Taylor, Bruce Willard, Carolyn Jarmulowicz, Pam Kelleher, Alice Kinsman, Chris Singley, Bill Lawless, Jim Boulger, Hugh Knox, Kevin Parsons, Dorothy Richardson, Linda Prokopy, Mary Campbell, Frank Carcio, Ken Cole, Irene Gifford, Sharon Hudson, Gordon Russ, Hank Samoriski and ex officio member Al Cormier. The Board meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6 Water Street in Shelburne Falls.

Since its inception the Mary Lyon Education Fund has infused hundreds of thousands of dollars into local education; students in grades preschool through 12 benefit from in-kind contributions, grants, partnerships and community resources. On-going programs include the Wilderness Adventure Project (UNYTE) for teenagers, annual Literature Festival, summer tennis lessons, a Comprehensive School Health Initiative, inservice programs and conferences for teachers, Mini-Grants for innovative classroom projects, a Student Assistance Fund to help needy children, publication of an annual Gift Catalog, school-business partnerships and Evening Enrichment Classes.

The goals of the organization are:

To support all aspects of quality education in the school district and promote positive interaction between the private sector and the public schools.

To identify, secure and direct resources and expertise into the schools.

To identify educational needs in the schools and implement programs which address those needs.

To communicate to the public the needs and accomplishments of the schools.

Dr. Susan B. Silvester
Executive Director

SCHOOL LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER REPORT

This has been an exciting year for our school library/media centers. We have continued to work towards the goal of computerizing the print collections in each building, and at the present time the on-line catalog system is fully operational at Mohawk Trail Regional School, Sanderson Academy, Buckland-Shelburne Regional School and Hawlemont Regional School.

With the recent acquisition of a main server located at the high school library, students and staff in each of these schools have direct computer access to not only their own collections, but the district wide print collection as well. This Union Catalog program will ultimately allow members of the community to also conduct research utilizing the schools' database. Funding for this project has been the result of continued but diminishing Block Grant allocations, a competitive state technology grant for the Hawlemont School, a grant from the International Paper Foundation for Colrain Central School and local budgets.

Mohawk Trail Regional School has been fortunate to have excellent technical assistance from the Falls Cable Corporation located in the Resource Center; Dr. Mark Purinton and Bob Kugell continue to team teach a Television Studio class with two Mohawk teachers and provide support for sports, music and cultural events throughout the school year.

Library/media personnel have been engaged in on-going inservice opportunities to become more knowledgeable about the Winnebago computer system, on-line cataloging, circulation, inventory and reporting methods. Staff include Toni Wilcox at Buckland-Shelburne Regional, Eugenie Lynch at Colrain Central, Candy Cross at Hawlemont Regional, Beverly Williams at Sanderson Academy, Wanda Musacchio at Rowe Elementary School and Julie DuPree, Marjorie Porrovecchio, Pat Hinds and Susan Silvester at Mohawk Trail Regional School. The district circulation statistics indicate a dramatic increase from last year:

Print Material	35,979
Non-Print Material	3,593
Inter Library Loan	181
Total District Circulation	39,753

Dr. Susan B. Silvester
Director of Instructional Media K-12

SANDERSON ACADEMY BUILDING COMMITTEE

A year and a half has passed since the special Town Meetings of Ashfield and Plainfield in December 1994 voted to build a new Sanderson Academy. After the voters passed a proposition 2 1/2 debt exclusion for $5,016,947 in January 1995, the Building Committee set to work to design the school with architects Margo Jones, Laura Fitch of Greenfield and landscape architect Harry Dodson of Ashfield. The Commonwealth will reimburse the towns for 72.8% of the cost of construction and interest, over the twenty year bond life.

The design that has emerged after a year of work is a school both towns will be proud of. The school is a gift of respect to the children of Ashfield and Plainfield today and to our children's children tomorrow. The Building Committee walked a fine knife's edge of utility, cost, and beauty. The result of that work was realized on January 30 of this year when the general contractor's bids were opened and four of the six bids came in on budget. The Building Committee signed a contract with D.A. Sullivan and Sons of Northampton to be the general contractor.

The school will be a one story, completely accessible, 37,000 square feet. A pitched roof, brick and wood exterior will blend with Ashfield's homes. There will be fourteen classrooms, two each for grades K-6. A large 4,000 square foot gymnasium was designed with community use in mind. The school library is large and centrally located at the main entrance. Art and music rooms are included along with an interesting stage area shared by the gymnasium and cafeteria. Within the confines of the budget every effort has been made to incorporate appropriate technologies to support education, administration and to reduce maintenance.

The site, 34 acres on the corner of Cape Street and Spruce Corner Road, will be graded, and planted to provide athletic fields, a playground and picnic areas.

Respectfully submitted,
Sanderson Academy Building Committee
Steven Sauter, Chairman
Winslow Gruellemans
Arthur Williams
Helen "Poppy" Doyle
Jaquelyn Magnant Burgin
Deborah Horton
Wendy Mimitz
Howard Bronstein
Paul Schmidt
Patricia North

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

It is my pleasure to present my fifteenth annual report as Principal of Mohawk Trail Regional School. This year is marked by much change in educational planning and direction; by high levels of student achievement; and, by population growth and facilities updating.

During the summer months, a standing seam metal roof replaced the 27 year old flat membrane room on the classroom block of the school. A leaking roof in the classrooms is now a thing of the past. The entire heating system in the classrooms has been replaced and the conversion from electric heat to gas is complete. After several weeks of problems with the new system, both heating and ventilation seem to operate within expectations and in a more cost effective fashion. The remainder of the $13 million dollar renovation and addition project is scheduled for the fall of 1997.

This school year opened with an increase of 60 students, mostly on the high school level. We anticipate another 40 student increase for September, 1996. This will mean that the school will sustain a 100 student growth in the past two years and we will have a total population of 880 students.

Several interdisciplinary programs which link American History and American Literature were developed and implemented in September, 1995. Staff began experimenting with double period courses, i.e. Human Anatomy, and have reported success. The school is examining the option of having students take four 90 minute courses per semester next year. Longer time in class, fewer courses and more teacher contact time raise student achievement.

This year the school received a grant from the Department of Education to join the Coalition of Essential Schools, a nationwide reform movement. Funds will provide staff training and professional development. The school also received another grant to implement Advanced Placement Programs in both Chemistry and English Literature Composition. This past year 70% of students taking the AP Biology national exam passed and received college credit.

Our athletic programs continue to build and grow in size. Several teams have gone to state tournaments this fall and we expect similar successes in the winter and spring. The middle school musical "Peter Pan" was a great success and sold out the auditorium for three consecutive days. Over 2,000 people viewed the musical and some were turned away at the door. The all-school musical 'Will Rogers Follies" is now in production for performance in the spring.

We thank our communities for their continued support of education programs and facilities improvement at Mohawk. We owe a special debt of gratitude to the School Committee, the Mohawk School Council and the Parent-Teacher Organization for their unwavering support of quality education for all students.

Philip A. Dzialo
Principal

1995 MOHAWK GRADUATES
TOWN OF ASHFIELD

SEAN BLACK
ANDREW CLARKE
JONAS CONTAKOS
BETSY CRANSTON
LIAM DOYLE
JULIE FULLER
AMY HEDDENS
LISA RERRINGSHAW
STEPHEN MOUGIN
THOMAS POUSONT
HEATHER SHEA
SARAH SHIPPEE
KATIE SMITHERS

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
June, 1995 for accounts
JUNE EXPENDITURE REPORT

Account Title	Adjusted Budget	Expended Y-T-D	Unexpended Blance
**** MOHAWK HIGH SCHOOL**			
*** Instructional Service**			
COORD. SALARIES	26274.00	16701.73	9572.27
MDL. SCH. COORD.- SALARY	19036.00	23356.75	-4320.72
DEPT. HEAD SALARIES	11441.00	10065.42	1375.58
COORD. SUPPLIES	300.00	0.00	300.00
COORD. OTHER EXPENSE	300.00	64.69	235.31
SPED CO/CHAIR-SALARIES	13362.00	14373.00	-1011.00
SPED SECR.-SALARY	5981.00	21299.20	-15318.20
SPED COORD. EXPENSE ALLOWA	0.00	5.35	-5.35
PRIN.-SALARY	58819.00	58818.97	0.03
PR. OFC.- SECRETARY SALARIES	70439.00	73254.71	-2815.71
PR. OFC.-SECRETARY SUBSTITU	900.00	0.00	900.00
PR. OFC.-CONTR. SERVICES	2005.00	3879.13	-1874.13
PR. OFC.-NEWSLETTERS	850.00	730.26	119.74
PR. OFC.-GENL. SUPPLIES	13700.00	15354.31	-1654.31
PR. OFC.-OTHER EXPENSE	6650.00	6242.38	407.62
PR. OFC.-STUDENT EXPENSES	150.00	115.73	34.27
PR. OFC.-ACCREDITATION	0.00	0.00	0.00
PR. OFC.-GRADUATION	1300.00	0.00	1300.00
ASSCO. PRIN.- SALARY	38201.00	38225.00	-24.00
ASST PRINC.-TRAVEL	0.00	500.00	-500.00

Account Title	Adjusted Budget	Expended Y-T-D	Unexpended Blance
TCHR-EARLY RETIREMENT (D.R.)	6294.00	6294.00	0.00
TCHR. RETIRE. BENEFIT	42312.00	41621.39	690.61
TCHR. SICK PAY STIPEND PER	9000.00	9175.50	-175.50
TCHR. SAL. R. HINDS	0.00	22149.00	-22149.00
TCHR. PERFECT ATTENDENCE ST.	500.00	300.00	200.00
TCHR. SUBSTITUTE SALS.	16000.00	17613.68	-1613.68
COURSES-REIMBURSEMENTS (AL)	4000.00	0.00	4000.00
ADVANCES FOR COURSE REIMBS	2000.00	235.50	1764.50
PAY DIFFENTIALS	95231.00	98292.23	-3061.23
AIDE SALARIES	26584.00	25100.90	1483.10
AIDE SUBSTITUTES	500.00	387.10	112.90
INSTR-GENERAL SUPS	16200.00	13713.49	2486.51
TCHR-OTHER EXPENSE	28900.00	5519.18	23380.82
FIELD TRIP TRNSP.	1250.00	1994.12	-744.12
TCH. SAL.-BUSSINESS	83195.00	79468.40	3726.60
BUSSINESS-SUPPLIES	7972.00	5679.43	2292.57
TCH. SAL.-ENGLISH	199930.00	185933.36	13996.64
ENGLISH-SUPPLIES	1250.00	1164.33	85.67
TCH. SAL.-FOR. LANG	116044.00	120762.00	-4718.00
FOR.LANG.-SUPPLIES	3970.00	2184.63	1785.37
TCH. SAL.- HIST./SOC. ST.	167748.00	16057.63	7177.37
HIST./SOC. ST. SUP.	3850.00	1625.83	2224.37
TCH. SAL.-MATH.	164689.00	190378.03	-25689.03
MATH.-SUPPLIES	3178.00	4289.95	-1111.95
TCH. SAL.-PHYS.ED.	116129.00	116896.00	-767.00
PHYS. ED.-SUPPLIES	2100.00	3152.94	-1052.94
TCH. SAL.-REL. ARTS	214915.00	220309.50	-5394.50
REL. ARTS-SUPPLIES	22500.00	29763.80	-7263.80
TCH. SAL.-SCIENCE	183609.00	184539.00	-930.00
SCIENCE-SUPPLIES	15000.00	21414.09	-6414.09
TCH. SAL.-PRINTSHOP	14768.00	17386.67	-2618.67
PRINTSHOP-RISO	0.00	2254.67	-2254.67
PRINTSHOP-SUPPLIES	22103.00	19526.07	2576.93
TCH. SAL.-MIDDLE SCHOOL	480692.00	499068.68	-18377.68
MDL. SCH.-SUPPLIES	12916.00	21104.25	-8188.25
SPED-TEACHER SALARIES	176840.00	140028.03	36811.94
SPED-TEACHER SUBS.	2000.00	300.00	1700.00
SPED-HOME INSTRUCTION	2200.00	11419.56	-9219.56
SPED-TEACHER AIDES	161289.00	169280.46	-7991.46
SPED SPEECH AIDE (TMS)	0.00	0.00	0.00
SPED AIDES SUBS.	1000.00	793.56	206.44
SPED AIDES/UNION	0.00	0.00	0.00
SPED CONTR. SERVICES	4952.00	8905.68	-3953.68
SPED SPEECH CONTR. SERVICES	10055.00	18301.00	-8246.00
SPED SUPPLIES	2250.00	2765.38	-515.38
SPED OTHER EXPENSE	2250.00	0.00	2250.00

Account Title	Adjusted Budget	Expended Y-T-D	Unexpended Blance
PROFRESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	0.00	236.25	-236.25
TEXTBKS-BUSINESS	624.00	800.16	-176.16
TEXTBKS-ENGLISH	6750.00	2934.19	3815.81
TEXTBKS-FOR.LANGUAGE	2160.00	1565.31	594.69
TEXTBKS-HISTORY/SOC.STUDIE	5461.00	2044.68	3416.32
TEXTBKS-MATH	3650.00	4170.83	-520.83
TEXTBKS-PHYS. ED.	500.00	313.50	186.50
TEXTBKS-REL. ARTS	1525.00	240.01	1284.99
TEXTBKS-SCIENCE	7625.00	3991.78	3633.22
TEXTBKS-MDL. SCHOOL	11062.00	3999.19	7062.81
SPED-TEXTBKS	900.00	239.04	660.96
LIBRN.-SALARY	43312.00	42574.00	738.00
ASST. LIBR. & AIDE SALS.	11803.00	12001.70	-198.70
///SPEC. LIB.AIDE-P. HINDS	6028.00	5701.84	326.16
LIBRY. SUBS (ASSIST.&AIDES)	0.00	768.26	-768.26
LIBR. SUPPLIES	9400.00	8078.78	1321.22
LIBR. OTHER EXPENSE	300.00	0.00	300.00
A-V. AIDE SALARY	16539.00	16144.08	394.92
A. V. AID SUBSTITUTES	0.00	392.05	-392.05
A-V. SUPPLIES	5900.00	5263.97	636.03
ST. SERV. SAL.-COUNSELORS	115088.00	117004.98	-1916.98
ST. SERV. SAL.-SECRETARY	22389.00	23628.80	-1239.80
ST. SERV. SAL.-SEC. SUB.	0.00	176.19	-176.19
ST. SERV.-CONTR. SERVICE	2400.00	2727.73	-327.73
ST. SERV.-SUPPLIES	4500.00	3113.07	1386.93
ST. SERV.-OTHER EXPENSE	1000.00	2836.28	-1836.28
PSYCH.-SALARY	54543.00	62470.39	-7927.39
PSYCH.-CONTR. SERVICES	5000.00	8153.22	-3153.22
* SubSubtotal	3057832.00	3096866.00	-39034.52
*** Other School Services**			
ATTEND.OFCR.-SALARY	325.00	325.00	0.00
SCH.NURSE-SUB.-SALARY	500.00	932.75	-432.75
PHYSICIAN-SALARY	1323.00	1019.96	303.04
SCHOOL NURSE-SALARY	23125.00	23102.00	23.00
PROD.HLTH.COUNSELOR	600.00	90.00	510.00
HEALTH-SUPPLIES	2000.00	1568.50	431.50
HEALTH-OTHER EXPENSE	650.00	0.00	650.00
TRNSP.-PARENT & INDIV	0.00	68.00	-68.00
TRNSP.-LATE BUS	21600.00	19049.50	2550.50
SPED TRNS.PD. OVITT,PHELPS	0.00	409.93	-409.93
SPED TRNSP-PYTKO TRN	0.00	0.00	0.00
CAFE.MGR.-SALARY	0.00	0.00	0.00
CAFE.WRKRS-REGULAR PAY	0.00	0.00	0.00
ATH-SUPPLIES	16649.00	16149.00	500.00
ATH-MAYER PROPERTY $1/YR.	1.00	1.00	0.00

Account Title	Adjusted Budget	Expended Y-T-D	Unexpended Blance
ATH-INSURANCE	1350.00	1850.00	-500.00
* SubSubtotal	68123.00	64565.64	3557.36
*** Oper. & Maintenance of plant**			
CUST.-SALARIES	173420.00	169902.90	3517.10
CUST.-OVERTIME SALARIES	6000.00	5788.92	211.08
CUST. SUB.	0.00	0.00	0.00
CUST.-SUPPLIES	25150.00	21999.79	3150.21
CUST.-TRAV.& OTHER MISC.EX	0.00	0.00	0.00
SHARE-NAEIR MEMBERSHIP	0.00	0.00	0.00
ELEC.-BUILDINGS	220556.00	180486.26	40069.74
GAS-ALL BUILDINGS	27972.00	26670.00	1302.00
SANITATION-REMOVAL	5880.00	5966.20	-86.20
WATER SUPPLY TESTING	3000.00	3125.02	-125.02
TEL.-S.O.COMPUT.	0.00	0.00	0.00
TEL.-SUPT.OFFICE	0.00	0.42	-0.42
TEL.-ENERGY COMPUT.	500.00	148.06	351.94
TEL.-HIGH SCHOOL	5500.00	9000.70	-3500.70
YDS-GRNDS-CONTR.SERVICES	15000.00	13574.84	1425.16
YDS-GRNDS/SUPPLIES	14000.00	14420.65	-420.65
SCH.BLDG-CONTR.SERVICES	50700.00	43234.69	7465.31
SCH.BLDG-MAINT.SUPPLIES	26600.00	19529.12	7070.88
SCH.BLDG-CONTR.SERVICES	0.00	48.00	-48.00
SCH.BLDG-MNT.SUPPLIES	0.00	0.00	0.00
BLDG.EQ.MNT-CONTR.SERVICES	4800.00	10057.29	-5257.29
BLDG. EQUIP-MAINT SUP	5600.00	4382.03	1217.97
H.S.EQ.-CONTR.SERVICES(NOT	9500.00	12364.07	-2864.07
H.S.EQ.-SUP.(NOT BLDG)	9200.00	2411.89	6788.11
H.S.EQ.-MAINT.& RPR.	0.00	4984.92	-4984.92
* SubSubtotal	603378.00	548095.77	55282.23
*** Fixed Charges**			
RENTAL-MODULAR CLASSROOMS	37000.00	34461.55	2538.45
SHORT-TERM LOAN	0.00	15.00	-15.00
INT-SHORT TERM DEBT SERVIC	3000.00	0.00	3000.00
* SubSubtotal	40000.00	34476.55	5523.45
*** Fixed Assets-Acq., Imprv., Repl.**			
FEASIBILITY STUDY	0.00	0.00	0.00
H.S. MOD.CLASS.FURNITURE	0.00	4322.08	-4322.08
H.S. AUD-VIS.NEW EQUIPMENT	4700.00	5655.22	-955.22
H.S. BUSINESS-NEW EQUIPMENT	5000.00	10092.00	-5092.00
H.S. ENG.-NEW EQUIP.	4650.00	599.20	4050.80
H.S. FOREIGN LANG.NEW EQUIP	2725.00	1175.34	1549.66
H.S. HIST/SOC.ST.NEW EQUIPM	2750.00	1365.19	1384.81

Account Title	Adjusted Budget	Expended Y-T-D	Unexpended Blance
H.S. MATH-NEW EQUIPMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00
H.S. PHYS.ED. NEW EQUIPMENT	3000.00	4980.03	-1980.03
H.S. REL.ARTS-NEW EQUIPMENT	14100.00	12762.98	1337.02
H.S. SCIENCE-NEW EQUIPMENT	12400.00	16878.22	-4478.22
H.S. PRNTSHOP-NEW EQUIP.	0.00	514.48	-514.48
H.S. MDL.SCH.NEW EQUIP.	1424.00	0.00	1424.00
H.S. NEW EQUIPMENT	1700.00	3660.92	-1960.92
SPED-NEW EQUIPMENT	5000.00	4063.78	936.22
S.O.-NEW EQUIP.	0.00	0.00	0.00
H.S. REPLACEMENT EQUIP.	1700.00	4549.81	-2849.81
H.S. TEL. SYSTEM REPLACEMENT	2447.00	1861.65	585.35
H.S. LIBR-AV REPL.EQUIP.	3500.00	1867.14	1632.86
H.S. BUSINESS-REPL.EQUIP.	17000.00	12836.52	4163.48
H.S. FOR.LANG.-REPL. EQUIP.	800.00	0.00	800.00
H.S. SOC.ST.REPL.EQUIP.	1951.00	0.00	1951.00
H.S. PHYS.ED.-REPL. EQ.	3575.00	0.00	3575
H.S. REL.ARTS-REPL.EQUIP.	7100.00	3356.95	3743.05
H.S. SCIENCE-REPL.EQUIP.	3500.00	4078.00	-578.00
H.S. MDL.SCE.-REPL.EQUIP.	1140.00	0.00	1140.00
* SubSubtotal	100162.00	94619.51	5542.49
*** Deet Retirement & Service**			
10-YR.ASBES.PRINC.	32500.00	32500.00	0.00
13-YR.GOVT.ASBEST.PRINC.	5000.00	5000.00	0.00
ELEV. HND.-PRINCIPAL	23000.00	23000.00	0.00
10YR GAS CONV.-PRIN .	29600.00	29600.00	0.00
5-YR.S.O.BLDG.-PRINCIPLE	35000.00	35000.00	0.00
10-YR.ASB.INTEREST	1300.00	1037.15	262.85
10-YR.ASB.LOAN FEES/COSTS	10.00	0.00	10.00
ELEV.HND.-INTEREST	3680.00	2935.93	744.07
ELEV.END.-LOAN FEES/COSTS	20.00	10.00	10.00
10YR GAS CONV.- INTEREST	7085.00	7084.53	0.47
10YR GAS CONV-LOAN FEES/CO	20.00	15.00	5.00
5-YR S.O.BLDG-INTEREST	5250.00	5250.00	0.00
5-YR.S.O.BLDG-FEES	20.00	15.00	5.00
ELEV.HNDI.ADJUSTMENT	2136.00	0.00	2136.00
10-YR.GAS ADJUSTMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00
* SubSubtotal	144621.00	141447.61	3173.39
*** Programs w/other School System**			
PROGRAMS-MASS. SCHOOLS	39703.00	0.00	39703.00
///OUT-OF-STATE SCH.PROG.	61740.00	79182.48	-17442.48
///NON-PUBLIC SCH.PROGRAMS	98070.00	256650.63	-158580.63
COLLAB. PROGRAMS	2400.00	18280.05	-15880.05
* SubSubtotal	201913.00	354113.16	-15220.16
**** SUBTOTAL**	**4216029.00**	**4334184.76**	**-118155.76**

Account Title	Adjusted Budget	Expended Y-T-D	Unexpended Blance
**** ASHFIELD PLAINFIELD ELEMENTARY**			
***** Instructional Services**			
COORDINATOR'S SALARY	100.00	150.00	-50.00
COORDINATOR'S OTHER EXPENS	30.00	0.00	30.00
TEACRER IN CHARGE	700.00	700.00	0.00
PRINCIPAL'S SALARY	42640.00	42675.00	-35.00
PRIN. SECRETARY SALARY	14323.00	16929.00	-2606.00
PRIN. SEC. SUBSTITUTES	1532.00	22.50	1509.50
PRIN. OFC. SUPPLIES	1500.00	1504.94	-4.94
PRIN. OFC. OTHER EXPENSE	1900.00	1721.85	178.15
SUBSTITUTE CALLING	0.00	250.00	-250.00
TEACHER EARLY RET PROGRAM	2686.00	2686.00	0.00
TEACHER RETIREMENT INCENTI	14169.00	14168.80	0.20
TEACHERS' SALARIES	401653.00	426948.26	-25295.26
TCHR. SUBSTITUTE SALS.	10000.00	3676.97	6323.03
COURSE REIMBURSEMENT	11171.00	0.00	11171.00
TEACHER PHYS. ED.	27108.00	27108.12	-0.12
TEACHER APE	3012.00	3012.00	0.00
COMPUTER COORDINATOR	0.00	11196.02	-11196.02
TCER. AIDES SALARIES	25262.00	14526.11	10735.89
TCER. AIDES SUBSTITUTES	425.00	312.83	112.17
GENERAL SUPPLIES	5000.00	8004.57	-3004.57
KINDERGARTEN TEACHER SALAR	29793.00	29793.00	0.00
TEACHER SUBS.	0.00	191.00	-191.00
KINDERGARTEN AIDE	0.00	0.00	0.00
KINDERGARTEN SUPPLIES	200.00	128.00	72.00
SPED TEACHER SALARIES	49946.00	25254.94	24691.06
SPED TEACHER SUB.	540.00	45.00	495.00
TEAM CHAIRPERSON	0.00	13500.00	-13500.00
SP. ED. HOME INSTRUCTION	700.00	3294.84	-2594.84
SPED TEACHER AIDES	66196.00	51326.54	14869.46
SPED AIDE	4067.00	2849.94	1217.06
SPED AIDE SUBSTITUTE	1000.00	3477.20	-2477.20
SPED KIND AIDE	0.00	3872.33	-3872.33
SPED CONTRACTED SERVICES	14000.00	8597.04	5402.96
SPED SPEECH SERVICES	27292.00	35346.00	-8054.00
SPED SUPPLIES	900.00	253.51	646.49
SPED OTHER EXPENSE	500.00	0.00	500.00
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00
TEXTBOOKS	1000.00	1003.43	-3.43
SPED TEXTEOOKS	155.00	28.50	126.50
LIBRARY MANAGER	17099.00	16159.52	939.48
LIBRARY SUPPLIES & MATERIA	0.00	69.40	-69.40
TESTING SUPPLIES	450.00	1441.06	-991.06
GUIDANCE SALARY	10018.00	0.00	10018.00
PSYCHOLOGIST SALARY	10018.00	20036.40	-10018.40

Account Title	Adjusted Budget	Expended Y-T-D	Unexpended Blance
PSYCH. CONTR. SERVICE	1500.00	2310.00	-810.00
PSYCH. SUPPLIES & MAT.	300.00	477.95	-177.95
PSYCH. OTHER EXPENSE	200.00	62.68	137.32
* SubSubtotal	799085.00	795111.25	3975.75
*** Other School Services**			
ATTENDANCE OFFICER SERVICE	75.00	0.00	75.00
SCHOOL NURSE SUB. SALARY	200.00	395.81	-195.81
PHYSICIAN SALARY	500.00	500.00	0.00
SCHOOL NURSE SALARY	12191.00	12395.00	-204.00
HEALTH SUPPLIES	350.00	234.24	115.76
CAFETERIA SALARIES	1200.00	1200.00	0.00
* SubSubtotal	14516.00	14725.05	-209.05
*** Oper. & Maintenance of Plant**			
CUSTODIAL SALARY	30008.00	27160.00	2848.00
CUSTODIAL HELPER	726.00	5502.33	-4776.33
CUSTODIAL SUB.	0.00	399.36	-399.36
CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES & WATER	1200.00	525.46	674.54
HEATING OIL	6560.00	2478.12	4081.88
ELECTRICITY	10000.00	8171.15	1828.85
TELEPLONE	2700.00	2610.16	89.84
WATER AND SEWSER	1906.00	595.72	1310.28
YARDS & GROUNDS CONTRACTED	2000.00	2072.00	-72.00
YARDS & GROUNDS - SUPPLIES	200.00	4.21	195.79
SCH. BLDG. CONTR. SERVICES	4600.00	4427.88	172.12
SCI. BLDG. - SUPPLIES	1500.00	1510.08	-10.08
BLDG. EQUIP.-CONTRACTED	4500.00	4281.42	218.58
BLDG. EQUIP. MAINT. SUPPLI	1000.00	1545.66	-545.66
* SubSubtotal	66900.00	61283.55	5616.45
*** Fixed Charge**			
ANNEX RENT, ASHFIELD HOUSE	16380.00	14300.00	2080.00
* SubSubtotal	16380.00	14300.00	2080.00
*** Fixed Assets-Acq., Imprv.,Repl.**			
NEW EQUIPMENT	0.00	1052.00	-1052.00
ACQ. OF FIXED ASSETST SPED	2000.00	1981.00	19.00
REPLACEMENTS OF EQUIPMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00
* SubSubtotal	2000.00	3033.00	-1033.00
*** Program w/other School System**			
TUITION ASH. PRESCHOOL	2700.00	1025.00	1675.00
TUITION NON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	0.00	12306.60	-12306.60

Account Title	Adjusted Budget	Expended Y-T-D	Unexpended Blance
**** DISTRICT WIDE BUDGET**			
*** School Committee**			
SCH. COM.-SECRETARY	1360.00	660.00	700.00
SCH. COM.-CONTR. SERVICES	9850.00	6451.50	3398.50
SCH. COM.-INS. COST CONTROL	7600.00	0.00	7600.00
SCH. COM.-LEGAL	12000.00	18251.01	-6251.00
SCH. COM.-SUPPLIES	1000.00	735.99	264.01
SCH. COM.-DUES, TRAVEL	3900.00	6197.64	-2297.64
SCH. COM.-ADVERTISING	5065.00	6665.66	-1600.66
TREAS.-SALARY	26532.00	27041.40	-509.40
TREAS.-CONTR.SERVICE	1000.00	0.00	1000.00
TREAS.-SUPPLIES	1850.00	1228.70	621.30
TREAS.-OTHER EXPENSE	400.00	230.22	169.78
TREAS.-BONDS	1500.00	1142.00	358.00
SUPT.-SALARY	5280.00	52800.00	0.00
SUPT.-ASST. SALARY	0.00	0.00	0.00
SUPT.-ADMIN. IN CHARGE	1040.00	880.00	160.00
SUPPORT STAFF DEVELOPMENT	1200.00	443.76	756.24
ADMIN. STAFF DEVELOPMENT	12000.00	8709.36	3290.64
POLICY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT	1600.00	1328.35	271.65
CURRIC. DEVELOPMENT COORD.	6000.00	498.38	5501.62
SUPT.-OTHER EXP/TRAVEL	4000.00	3802.24	197.76
BS. MGR.-SALARY	34395.00	34395.20	-0.20
BS. MGR.-OTH. EXP/TRAVEL	2800.00	3060.00	-260.00
ADM.ASSIST.-SALARY	27984.00	27984.00	0.00
ADM.ASSIST.-TRAVEL	2800.00	2260.00	540.00
S.O.-SECRETARY SALARIES	116062.00	100461.85	15600.15
S.O. CONTR. SERVICES	14080.00	17268.16	-3188.16
S.O.-SUPPLIES	7600.00	11166.52	-3566.52
S.O.-OTHER EXP., DUES, ETC	880.00	1243.36	-363.36
* SubSubtotal	357298.00	334905.30	22392.70
*** Instructional Services**			
SPED DIRECTOR	34944.00	35616.00	-672.00
SPED CONTR. SERVICES	800.00	19820.90	-19020.90
SPED COORD. SUPPLIES	2800.00	1806.13	993.87
SPED COORD. OTHER EXPENSE	3200.00	3419.16	-219.16
P.D. ADMIN. SALARIES LYMAN	0.00	16370.73	-16370.73
P.D. SUBS SALARIES	0.00	14598.49	-14598.49
P.D. OUT OF DISTRICT COSTS	0.00	37930.75	-37930.75
SCHOOL BASED INSERVICE	0.00	5863.22	-5863.22
DISTRICT WIDE INSERVICE	0.00	4969.89	-4969.89
P.D. CLERICAL SALARIES	0.00	22.50	-22.50
P.D. SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	0.00	3237.56	-3237.56
P.D. TRAVEL, OTHER	0.00	6834.54	-6834.54
* SubSubtotal	41744.00	150489.87	-108745.87

Account Title	Adjusted Budget	Expended Y-T-D	Unexpended Blance
*** Other School Services**			
PUPIL TRNSP.-CONTR. SERV	760014.00	780894.88	-20880.88
TRNSP.-PARENT ARRANGED	4019.00	11626.23	-7607.23
TRNSP.-GASOLINE	98646.00	97145.21	1318.79
TRNSP.-OTHER+FORMS, ETC.	6190.00	601.94	5588.06
PARENT TRANSPORTATION	0.00	8.65	-8.65
TRNSP.-CONTR. SERV.	43656.00	41285.70	2370.30
PARENT TRANSPORTATION	0.00	10637.61	-10637.61
SPED. TRNSP. OLABOR	21734.00	18010.49	3723.51
* SubSubtotal	934077.00	960210.71	-26133.71
*** Oper. & Maintenance of Plant**			
S.O. COMP. TELEPHONE	400.00	132.08	267.92
S.O. TELPHONE	2400.00	6062.33	-3662.33
S.O. LEASE NEW TELEPHONE	1686.00	243.04	1442.96
MAINT. OF BUILDING SUPT'S	0.00	382.56	-382.56
MAINT. OF BUILDING SUPPLIES	0.00	306.83	-306.83
MAINT. OF BUILDING EQUIPMENT	0.00	70.00	-70.00
MAINT. OF BUILDING EQUIP.	0.00	0.00	0.00
* SubSubtotal	4486.00	7196.84	-2710.84
*** Fixed Charge**			
FICA MEDICARE TAX	34000.00	46247.93	-12247.93
FR. CNTY. RETIREMENT	123214.00	123214.00	0.00
OTH INS-MULTIPERIL PKG-SCH	33995.00	7401.40	26593.60
OTH INS-WORK. COMP	51647.00	53387.00	-1740.00
OTH INS-COMM. AUTO POCILY	2601.00	2386.48	214.52
OTH INS-PACKAGE-OFFICE	630.00	0.00	630.00
OTH INS-SCHOOL BOARD LIABI	2600.00	1004.00	1596.00
OTH INS-BOILER & MACHINERY	3000.00	3207.00	-207.00
OTH INS-EXCESSS $1MILL. UMBR	2625.00	1254.00	1371.00
UMEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	28114.00	8733.82	19380.18
BCBS HEALTH INS.	675126.00	646294.37	28831.63
BCBS DENTAL	41254.00	39412.81	1841.19
LIFE INS.-TRUSTMARK INSURA	1343.00	1201.19	141.81
DISAB/LIFE INS-SPECIAL	1280.00	1549.60	-269.60
HLTH.TAX-EMPLR. PAYROLL	0.00	0.00	0.00
PRINCIPAL	0.00	0.00	0.00
SHORT-TERM BORROWING/FEES	0.00	70.00	-70.00
INTEREST	0.00	12094.78	-12094.78
* SubSubtotal	1001429.00	94758.38	53970.62
*** Fixed Assets-Acq., Imprv., Repl**			
S.O.-ARCHITECTURE SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00
S.O.-NEW EQUIP.	4000.00	6259.51	-2259.51
S.O.-REPL. EQUIP.	400.00	0.00	400.00
* SubSubtotal	4400.00	6259.51	-1859.51
* *SUBTOTAL	2343434.00	2406520.61	-63086.61
***** TOTAL**	**10192439.00**	**10321129.79**	**-128690.76**

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS			
Cash			
Asbestos MMDT		23,200.12	
Gas Conversion		62,011.43	
United-Gen'l Fund		141,054.55	
BayBank		10,420.45	
Gen'l Fund MMDT		691,550.88	
AP Capital MMDT		1.62	
BS Capital MMDT		29,366.43	
CCS Capital MMDT		5,354.67	
MTR Capital MMDT		44,436.56	**1,007,396.71**
Receivables			
Vol.Contri-Rowe			
Commonwealth of MA:			
Energy Assess.			
TOTAL ASSETS:			**1,007,396.71**
AFTER TRANSFERS			
MONTH ENDING			30-Jun-95
LIABILITIES & RESERVES:			
Asbestos Fund Balance		23,200.12	
Asbestos Interest			
Gas.Conv.Fund Balance		62,011.43	
Gas Conv. Interest			
AP Cap. Fund Balance		(4,239.06)	
AP Capital Interest			
BS Capital Fund Balancet		32,021.04	
BS Capital Interest			
CCS Capital Fund Balance		5,354.67	
CCS Capital Interest			
MT Capital Fund Balance		44,136.56	
MT Capital Interest			
Handicapped Access Deficit		(8,544.12)	
Chapter 74 Voke Transp. FY93		1,435.00	
Chapter 74Voke Transp. FY94		10,943.00	
Chapter 70 Voke Transp. FY95		13,049.00	
Blue Cross-Ret/Other		6,054.29	
Payroll Deductions:			
Blue Cross	34 099.62		
Franklin Cty.R	6.11		
Wash. Nat'l. In	619.33		
Flex Spending	478.68	35,203.74	
Athletic Rev./User Fees		(8,819.94)	
Driver Education Account		7,826.37	
Band Rev.--M	321.37		
---APR	-4.95	316.42	

School Lunch	12,204.42
Preschool Rev. Acct.--Colrain	5,410.04
Preschool Rev. Acct.--Heath	11,977.71
Colrain After-School Rev.Acct.	(118.52)
Colrain Extension Programs	1,863.16
Summer Camp Program	676.60
Encumbered Salaries MTR FY95	507,851.53
BSR Library Account	1,001.00
CCS Library Account	1,551.24
Rotating Salaries FY95	(7,739.53)
R0999 Account Misc.	332.28
InserviceWorkshop Account	2,551.98
SPED Gift	45.58
Unrestricted Surplus--MTR	125,611.65
Unrestricted Surplus--APR	(1,958.28)
Unrestricted Surplus--BSR	12,002.41
Union Budget FY95	(8,813.09)
Sanderson Acad.Cap.Setaside	12,546.34
BSR Computer Rev. Acct.	600.00
Vocational Transp. P/R Exp.	(297.68)
Grants (see following)	58,500.86
Nat'l. Eridowment for Humanities	4,615.30
Rice Oil Discount Rev.Acct.	(47.15)
FAME Study Group	3813.68
Heath Tuition to Rowe Setaside	43,266 66
	1 ,007,396.71
FEDERAL	
Chapter 2 EESA	
Drug Free Schools	5,216.78
Chapter I-FY 95	19,850.73
Early Intervention	4,456.68
IEP Training	
SPRIG	1 5,839.51
Early Childhood Intervention	1,163.08
Title II Eisenhower Grant	
West County Resource	5,984.32
STATE	
MEAP FY 94	622.00
Essential Skills-Drop Out	
Essential Skills-Remedial	
Preschool	
Health Protection/Comprehensive	
Consumer & Homemaker Education	5,367.76
Safe Schools	
PALMS Grant	
Middle Grades Reg. Alliance	
FAME Study Group	

Professional Development		
Curriculum Framework Study Groups		
TOTAL GRANTS	**58,500.86**	

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
VOCATIONAL ACCOUNT
BALANCE SHEET AS OF JUNE 30, 1995

ASSETS:		
Cash:		
M.M.D.T.	210,582,48	
State Street	10,100.37	
United Bank	1,988.30	222,671.15
Accounts Receivable:		
Towns	492,328.85	
BALANCE:		715,000.00
	AFTER TRANSFERS	
LIABILITIES:		
Notes Payable	715,000.00	
BALANCE:		715,000.00

REPORT OF FIRE CHIEF

It is my pleasure to present the townspeople with my annual fire department report.

We are always looking for new people to join our department and are pleased to have Leslie Duggen and Dan Pease join us this year. As usual, the department was busy with 64 calls this year, with no major occurrences.

Department members went to the Mass. Fire Academy and some instructors came to Ashfield. Training in the fire industry is an ongoing matter. Rules and regulations are always changing. Its very hard to keep up with them, but we do our best.

Thanks to you, the townspeople, by the time of our 1996 annual town meeting we will have the new truck for everyone to see. This will bring out department up to a modern and well equipped department.

Our Firefighters Association raised money for the department, though it was a little more difficult with the main street under construction. It raised money for insurance for the little league and soccer teams, plus equipment for the department.

The most advanced technology came to Ashfield and some of our surrounding towns: 911. It has been a big change, and as 911 continues, the technology will also. Remember 911 is only for EMERGENCIES. For general NONEMERGENCY calls please dial 628-8200 (Shelburne Control) or 628-4406 (Fire Station).

As Fire Chief, I want to thank our highly dedicated firefighters for their support this year, and also the Select Board.

Douglas M. Field
Ashfield Fire Chief

POLICE REPORT

On July 1st Sergeant John Gancarz was appointed full-time due to the town of Ashfield receiving a COPS Fast grant. John has attended Community Policing schools, and will be attending more schools. If you would like to start a crime watch in your area please feel free to contact him One has already started in the Sears Road area of town. He will also be going to a defensive tactic instructor course at the Agawam academy in April Once John has completed this school, any resident who wishes to familiarize him/herself in the use of chemical mace may contact him for information on the course he win be giving on it.

Corporal Steve Greenman has completed D.A.R.E. Officers training school and is teaching the fifth grade at Sanderson. In all the years that I have been teaching D.A.R.E. I have not seen an officer so intent on teaching as Steve. Steve, keep up the good work!

For those who have been following our Jimmy Fund racing our organization raised over seven thousand dollars this year. We thank everyone who helps support this cause. I would like to thank Sandy Zalenski, Steven Greenman and Bill Perlman for their hard work and dedication in making this event successful. Ashfield Police ranked 8th at Riverside Speedway and 9th in the overall tri-state standing for the year.

My appreciation goes out to the Board of Selectmen for it's support this past year. In addition, having a good working relationship with all the departments in town makes working in a small community easy and rewarding. Thanks, to all the officers in the department. Your dedication has made Ashfield a safe place to live. I would like to thank Suzanne and Mary Corbett for their support of the Police Department by giving us such a nice office to work in. We have had nothing but compliments as to how visible and easy it is to find. Thanks again!

Finally, I would like to mention the new Emergency 911 system, its intention and use The E-911 system is designed to handle emergency calls through dispatching for immediate response by public safety personnel. If you find that you need police assistance, please contact the dispatch center at 625-8200, or 911 if you need help right away. The new 911 system is working very well. The beauty of this system is that as soon as you dial 911 the dispatch center knows of your location even if you are unable to communicate this information to them. Our dispatch center will notify us that a 911 call has been activated at your residence or place of business and the police will respond immediately. Please Do Not Contact the Police Department Business Line for emergencies. Myself and other officers have occasionally found emergency calls left on the department answering machine. Non-emergency inquiries and messages may be left on the business line and either myself or another officer will contact you as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation. The following is a list of our activities for the year:

ACCIDENT:	53
ARMED ASSAULTS:	1
ARRESTS:	47
BREAKING & ENTERINGS:	9
CITATIONS:	925
COURT HOURS:	130
CRIMINAL COMPLAINTS:	64
DOMESTIC:	8
DISTUBANCES:	12
GRAND JURY HOURS:	11
HATE CRIMES:	1
HOME EVASIONS:	1
ILLEGAL HUNTING:	3
LARCENIES:	15
MEDICAL CALLS / WELFARE CHECKS:	32
MOTOR VEHICLES BREAKS:	9
PROTECTIVE CUSTODIES:	3
RESTRAINING ORDERS:	43
SUMMONS & WARRANTS:	56
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES:	83
TRESPASSING:	5
VANDALISM:	12

Respectfully Submitted,
Raymond G. Redfern, Chief of Police

BOARD OF HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT

Construction of the Solar Aquatic Sewage Treatment Plant got off to a slow start last summer but has been picking up steam lately and should be nearing completion this spring. The over designed, bunker-like foundations have thankfully been covered over by the attractive headworks building and the heart of the matter: the long-awaited greenhouses. Newly-appointed superintendent and Board of Health alum Tom Leue his assumed command of the Solar Aquatic enterprise. Operating the plant will require the skills of a scientist, technician, diplomat, nurseryman, tour guide, educator and pet store owner: all of which Tom possesses in good measure.

The Solar Aquatic System has been the focus of the Board of Health's energies over the past eight years. We are amazed and relieved to see what was once but a grand notion take shape before our eyes. Thanks to all the die-hard solar aquatic supporters in town for standing by this project during the dark and difficult years. Finally our dream is coming true (now the darn thing better work!).

Due to very high engineering fees, overdesign and conservative state regulations, the solar aquatic system has turned out to be much more expensive than necessary. To help lessen the burden of this expense to the future users of the system, the Boards of Health and Selectmen have pursued a number of grant and low-interest loan programs to help homeowners and businesses connect to the new system. Ashfield was recently awarded $100,000 in low interest loan money under the state's Septic System Repair Program for this purpose. The low interest loans will be available to homeowners in the sewer district, as well as to qualifying homeowners in the rest of town with septic system repair problems.

Ashfield continues to benefit in many ways from its membership in the Foothills Health District. Health Agent Maxine Schmidt has done an excellent job for the Town inspecting perc tests, septic system installations, well installations, reviewing permit applications, issuing licenses, inspecting food service establishments and much, much more. There is no way that volunteer board members could hope to keep up with all this work or to understand the myriad, constantly evolving regulations and technologies in the complex world of public health.

Now that the vexing sewer problem appears to be over (we stress "appears"), the Board of Health is turning its ever-vigilant attention to septic system problems in the rest of town. We are developing a methodical and fair system to ensure that problem septic systems throughout town are identified and repaired, especially those that may threaten public health or environmental quality. Grants and low interest loan programs will be available to help qualifying homeowners repair their failed septic systems.

All in all, 1996 should turn out to be a very good year for health and the environment in Ashfield. We look forward to seeing you all at the Solar Aquatic grand opening!

Respectfully submitted,
Harry Dodson, Chairman
Duncan Colter
Jerry Pratt

REPORT OF THE FOOTHILLS HEALTH DISTRICT

The focus of this year's work has been implementing the requirements of the revised Title 5, the state regulation governing the design and construction of septic systems. This goal was often a moving target, as the Department revised the relations and extended deadlines in response to public outcry and the availability of approved inspectors and evaluators. As Health Agent for the four towns (Ashfield, Goshen, Williamsburg and Whately) in the District, I took the courses and passed the examinations for Soil Evaluator and System Inspector. The District has also been working with the Cooperative Extension at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst on an automated tracking program for septic systems. This would enable each town to keep electronic (as well as paper) files on every septic system in town. Prior to an inspection, the inspector could be given a complete printed report of any activity (pumping, repairs, etc.) involving the system in question. Ashfield also applied for, and received, $100,000 from the state to help residents upgrade their failing systems. The Franklin County Regional Housing Authority will administer the funds for the Town.

Of course, the big news in Ashfield is the new sewage treatment plant, scheduled to go on line next year. I look forward to working with Tom Leue helping residents with their hookups. The new plant will make a great difference in the quality of life on Main Street!

Other efforts this past year involved changing food service inspection techniques, changes in the Lead Law, new vaccination recommendations for school-age children, youth access to tobacco, and automating many of the routine tasks in the District Office. Rabies, while continuing to be a hazard in the region, seems to have peaked in the hilltowns. The coming Spring will tell us more about the progress of this frightening epidemic. In the meantime, I urge all residents to use caution around wild or unknown animals. The Greater Franklin County Local Boards of Health Partnership, the Department of Public Health, and the Department of Environmental Protection have provided the District with help in all these areas and continue to be significant resources for technical assistance.

My regular day in Ashfield is Mondays, but I urge residents with questions or concerns to call me any time at 268-8404, and leave a message if I'm not there. I make it a point to return calls the same day I receive them.

I have very much enjoyed working in Ashfield, and I look forward to getting to know more of you in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Maxine Schmidt
Health Agent

TOWN OF ASHFIELD
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
July 1, 1994 - June 30, 1995

AMBULANCE FUND

Balance forward, 7/1/94		$ 3,029.17
Earnings, Gifts & Interest		2,674.36
		$5,703.53
Ambulance maint.	$548.01	
Medical equipment	1,130.93	
Insurance	1248,00	
Radios & repairs	329.25	
Office supplies & equip	115.00	
	$3,371.19	
Ambulance Fund Total		$2,332.34

ACCOUNTANT

Appropriation		$7,000.00
Eleanor Ward	$ 7,000.00	

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Appropriation		$15,375.00
Priscilla Phelps	$15,375.00	

COUNCIL ON AGING

Appropriation		$1,797.00
Shelburne Senior Center	$1,797.00	

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER'S EXPENSES

Appropriation		$150.00
T rans. from Reverse Fund		441.96
		$591.96
Supplies	$255.05	
Mileage paid	294.62	
Telephone	42.29	
	$591.96	

BOARD OF APPEALS

Appropriation		$360.00
Stamped envelopes	$181.60	
Balance to General Fund		$178.40

ASSESSORS' EXPENSES

Appropriation		$ 19,284.00
Office Supplies	$526.21	
Registry of Deeds	125.75	
Secretarial	14,657.50	

Tax map updates	825.00	
Dues, seminars, meetings	187.60	
Tax bills	193.95	
Computer maint.	1,500.00	
Revaluation service	635.00	
Postage	204.35	
	$18,855.36	
Balance to General Fund		$428.64

ASSESSORS' COMPUTER

Appropriation		$2,500.00
Balance to General Fund		$2,500.00

AUDIT & ACCOUNTING

Appropriation		$2,750.00
SCANCO & Assoc.	$2,750.00	

BELDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Appropriation		$11,655.00
Belding Memorial Library	$11,655.00	

BONDS

Appropriation		$800.00
Expended	$ 737.50	
Balance to General Fund		$62.50

CHAPTER 33 B — 1991 BOND ISSUE

State Share		$134,779.72
Payroll	$12,240.51	
Supplies	258.65	
Gravel & loan	4,721.89	
Hired equipment	30,880.62	
Traffic control	785.00	
Grates & culverts	5,110.42	
Bituminous concrete	77,261.81	
Traprock	2,325.12	
Rip-rap	1,195.70	
	$134,779.72	

CHAPTER 85 - BOND ISSUE

State Share		$237,841.00
Payroll	$4,788.12	
Bitumirious concrete	1,993.32	
Rip-rap	208.24	
Gravel	1,564.69	
Blasting	1,100.15	
Hired equipment	12,107.80	
Culverts & blocks	1,460.67	

Bridge design	1,690.00	
	$24,912.99	
Balance forward		$212,298.01

CHAPTER 497 - GENERAL HIGHWAY

Balance forward		$ 538. 54
Appropriation		75,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		151.63
		$75,690.17
Payroll	$ 29,480.52	
Hired equip.	6,204.33	
Gravel & loan	10,855.95	
Bituminous concrete	24,726.76	
Tree service	492.00	
Mowing	2,437.50	
Calcium chloride	480.00	
Blasting	762.53	
Culverts	220.58	
Pallets	30.00	
	$75,690.17	

CIVIL DEFENSE

Balance forward		$118.13
Radio repairs	1 l8.13	

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Appropriation (Wetlands Fund)		$350.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		84.46
		$434.46
Supplies	$52.82	
Postage & notary fees	15.90	
Dues	115.00	
Advertiserments	250.74	
	$434.46	

ELECTIONS

Appropriations		$1,090.25
State Reimbursement		174.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		108.09
		$1,372.34
Election officers	$1,165.61	
Ballots	206.73	
	$ 1,372.34	

EMPLOYEE BENFITS - VACATIONS, PERSONAL DAYS & HOLIDAYS

Appropriations		$ 12,600.00
Expended	$11,087.61	

Balance to General Fund		$1,512.39

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS - SICK LEAVE

Balance Forward		$5,812.87
Appropriation		7,750.00
		$13,562.87
Expended	$1,765.46	
Balance Forward		$11,797.41

EMPLOYEES MEDICAL INSURANCE

Appropriation		$35,500.00
Expended	27.577.92	
Balance to General Fund		$7,922.08

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		$18,500.00
Supplies & equip.	$2,942.80	
Telephone	499.39	
Radio equip.	2,206.50	
Insurance	1,248.00	
New equipment	1,622.95	
Replacement equip.	664.93	
Dues, training & mileage	566.00	
Alarm system maintenance	186.00	
Truck repairs	1,677.59	
Electricity	1,283.43	
Building maintenance	354.48	
Payroll	4,943.75	
	$18,195.82	
Balance to General Fund		$304.18

FIRE PROTECTION

Appropriation		$1,693.52
Ashfield Water District	$1,693.52	

FRANKLIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE INSPECTOR PROGRAM

Appropriation		$15,830.72
FCCBIP	$15,830.72	

FUEL & OIL EXPENSES

Appropriation		$17,750.00
Fire Dept. (App. -$750)	$737.03	
Police Dept. (App. -$3,000)	2,696.36	
Highway Dept. (App. -$13,000)	9,674.85	
	$13,108.24	
Balance to General Fund		$4,641.76

FOOTHILLS HEALTH DISTRICT

Appropriation		$12,883.20
Expended	$12,883.20	

BOARD OF HEALTH

Appropriation		$550.00
Ashfield Lake testing	$ 186.00	
Meetings & training	145.00	
Perc Tests	21.00	
Postage	24.65	
Dues	75.00	
	$451.65	
Balance to General Fund		$98.35

HEATING TOWN BUILDINGS

Appropriation		$4,000.00
Fire Station	$2,018.03	
Town Hall	1,604.82	
	$3,622.85	
Balance to General Fund		$377.15

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - LOADER

Appropriation		$65,000.00
Southworth-Milton	$63,995.00	
Balance to General Fund		$1,005.00

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - PLOW

Appropriation		$4,000.00
Bart's Truck & Equip.	$3,756.00	
Balance to General Fund		$244.00

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY

Appropriation		$31,394.00
Leslie C. Ladd	$31,394.00	

HILLTOWN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COOPERATIVE

Appropriation		$5,831.00
Expended	$5,831.00	

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Appropriation		$200.00
Dues	$57.50	
Supplies	73.35	
	$130.85	
Balance to General Fund		$69.15

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Appropriation		$300.00
Meeting/Speaker's fee	$175.00	
Brochures & Supplies	110.75	
	$285.75	
Balance to General Fund		$14.25

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Appropriation		$150.00
Kim Reardon	$150.00	

INSURANCE - PUBLIC OFFICAL'S LIABILITY

Appropriation		$1,500.00
P-Z Massamont	$684.00	
Balance to General Fund		$816.00

INSURANCE - TOWN BUILDINGS & EQUIPMENT

Appropriation		$16,000.00
P-Z Massamont	$9,238.00	
Balance to General Fund		$6,762.00

INTEREST ON LOANS

Appropriation		$6,500.00
Expended	$4,392.42	
Balance to General Fund		$2,107.58

PRINCIPAL & INTEREST - FIRE TRUCK LOAN

Appropriation		$20,638.24
Expended	$20,638.24	

PRINCIPAL & INTEREST - SEWER LOAN

Appropriation		$16,099.47
Expended	$16,099.47	

LIFEGUARD & SWIMMING INSTRUCTION

Appropriation		$4,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		442.50
		$4,442.50
Lifeguards	$ 3,866.25	
Swimming instruction	517.50	
	$4,383.75	
Balance to General Fund		$58.75

MACHINERY EXPENSES

Appropriation		$44,400.00
Parts & repairs	$10,927.18	
Uniforms	997.81	

Telephone	595.35	
Radio repairs	228.80	
Replacement equip.	6,779.75	
Electricity	1,564.42	
Supplies	632.38	
Galvanized posts	394.75	
Plumbing & heating	472.31	
Tires	531.27	
Mechanic	16,751.00	
Dues & meetings	46. 98	
Road mileage	125.60	
Electrical service update	3,492.37	
Water service improvements	811.39	
	$44,331.36	
Balance to General Fund		$68.64

MEDICARE & SOCIAL SECURITY

Appropriation		$9,500.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		543.39
		$10,043.39
Expended	$10,043.39	

MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation		$ 500.00
Flags & markers	$130.80	
Geraniums	187.00	
Band	100.00	
	$417.80	
Balance to General Fund		$ 82.20

OFFICE EXPENSES

Appropriation		$4,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		1,150.00
		$5,350.00
Supplies	$ 579.73	
Dues & meetings	626.64	
Photocopier-repairs & supplies	790.82	
Postage	394.94	
Telephone	980.76	
Advertising	177.83	
Computer maintenance	500.00	
Replacement backup & modem	425.00	
Law updates	771.64	
	$5,247.36	
Balance to General Fund		$102.64

PARKS & BEACH

Appropriation		$ 3,900.00
Electricity	$609.12	
Telephone	234.91	
Advertising	181.30	
Supplies	64.42	
Sand delivery	300.00	
Mowing & trash removal	1,755.00	
Water	129.72	
	$3,274.58	
Balance to General Fund		$625.42

PLANNING BOARD

Appropriation		$1,635.00
Secretarial	$248.50	
Advertising	462.24	
Postage & Supplies	33.51	
	$744.25	
Balance to General Fund		$890.75

POLICE CHIEF'S SALARY

Appropriation		$28,700.00
Expended	$28,700.00	

POLICE CHIEF'S HOLIDAY PAY

Appropriation		$1,103.80
Expended	$1,103.80	

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		$31,070.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		709.72
		$31,779.72
Payroll	$21,828.91	
Equipment	980.48	
Uniforms	1,586.30	
Radios & repairs	1,580.27	
Insurance	1,250.62	
Dues & meetings	328.22	
Telephone	1,481.26	
Postage & supplies	298.15	
Cruiser/Camry-mainteriance	2,445.51	
	$31,779.72	

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		$4,000.00
Pamet Systems/Computer equip.	$3,750.00	
Balance forward		$250.00

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Appropriation		$500.00
Ruth Craft	$125.00	
Susan Gambino	125.00	
Janice Scott	125.00	
Anne Yuryan	125.00	
	$500.00	

RESERVE FUND

Appropriation		$10,000.00
Animal Officer Exp.	$441.96	
Conservation Comm.	84.46	
Elections	108.09	
General Highway	151.63	
Lifeguard	442.50	
Medicare/SS	543.39	
Office Expenses	1,150.00	
Police Dept.	709.72	
Town Clerk Exp.	362.19	
Town Hall	22.56	
Transfer Station	4,449.39	
Tree Warden	200.00	
Treasurer's Expenses	436.44	
	$9,102.33	
Balance to General Fund		$897.67

FRANKLIN COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Appropriation		$21,900.00
Expended	$21,900.00	

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Appropriation		$985,757.57
Expended	$985,757.57	

SEWER PROJECT

Balance forward		$142,731.48
Temporary loans		887,611.00
Interest earnings		3,526.27
		$1,033.868.75
Legal fees	$2,272.64	
Engineering fees	202,942.37	
Tree service costs	14,600.00	
Sewer const. costs	111,853.00	
Administrative costs	3,466.08	
Interest on loans	18,819.60	
Office expenses	160.79	
Legal advertisements	258.89	
	$354,373.37	

Balance in Temporary Loan acct.		$679,495.38

CARE OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES

Appropriation		$700.00
Burial to General Fund	$700.00	

STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation		$3,500.00
Expended	$3,252.52	
Balance to General Fund		$247.48

STREET LISTS

Appropriation		$450.00
School Census Reimbursement		250.00
		$700.00
Street Listing & data entry	$ 700.00	

TAX COLLECTOR'S EXPENSES

Appropriation		$3,385.00
Supplies	$179.83	
Tax bills	766.46	
Tax title cost	92.75	
Equipment repairs	107.00	
Dues	35.00	
Telephone & postage	1,500.22	
Computer maintenance	500.00	
	3,181.26	
Balance to General Fund		$203.74

TOWN CLERK'S EXPENSES

Appropriation		$645.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		362.19
		$1,007.19
Postage	$209.10	
Computer updates	455.00	
Supplies	43.09	
Computer maintenance	300.00	
	1,007.19	

TOWN COUNSEL

Appropriation		$7,500.00
Trudel, Barry, & MacNicol	$2,248.03	
Balance to General Fund		$5,251.97

TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	$4,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	22.56

Festival Comm. reimbursement:		200.00
		$4,222.56
Janitor	$1,599.52	
Supplies	195.88	
Electricity	1,455.44	
Ramp door access	300.00	
Plowing & mowing	333.00	
Water	151.72	
Furnace maintenance	187.00	
	$4,222.56	

TOWN HALL RENOVATIONS

Balance forward		$8,603.35
Appropriation		5,000.00
Special Mtg., 10/19/94		3,499.00
		$17,102.35
Office heating system	$1,743.59	
Electrical system improvements	1,009.77	
Painting of steeple	3,499.00	
New office construction	4,031.50	
Painting of office	995.00	
Delivery-office furniture	290.68	
	$11,569.54	
Balance forward		$5,532.81

TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriation		$18,850.00
Expended	$18,850.00	

TOWN REPORTS

Appropriation		$2,000.00
Common Wealth Printing	$1,389.00	
Balance to General Fund		$611.00

TRANSFER STATION

Appropriation		$45,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		4,449.39
		$49,449.39
Recycling	$6,880.00	
Payroll	6,765.52	
Telephone	233.23	
Electricity	554.19	
Hauling-Wickles Trucking	6,908.00	
Tipping fees	24,120.11	
Hazardous waste fee	652.00	
Transfer station design	300.00	
Purchase of wood	75.00	

Bags, stickers & supplies	2,573.84	
Disposal of tires	387.50	
	$49,449.39	

TREASURER'S EXPENSES

Appropriation		$1,000.00
Reserve Fund		436.44
		$1,436.44
Postage	$637.00	
Supplies	148.69	
Service charges	431.00	
Filing fees	184.75	
Dues	35.00	
	$1,436.44	

TREE WARDEN

Appropriation		$3,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		200.00
		$3,200.00
Bob's Tree Service	$3,160.00	
Balance to General Fund		$40.00

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

Appropriation		$500.00
Expended	$500.00	

VETERANS' BENEFITS

Appropriation		$100.00
Transfer from Trust Fund		153.00
		$253.00
Expended	$253.00	

VETERAN'S CENTER

Appropriation		$3,472.45
Expended	$3,472.45	

WINTER ROADS

Appropriation		$72,500.00
Sand	19,869.31	
Salt	12,500.84	
Payroll	33,245.73	
Hired equipment	544.00	
Bob's Tree Service	600.00	
Calcium chloride	375.00	
Gravel	4,928.25	
Cold Patch	436.85	
	$72,499.98	

Balance to General Fund		$0.02

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Appropriation		$10,500.00
MIIA dividends, discount, underwriting Credit	($3784)	
MIIA	$3,594.00	
Balance to General Fund		$6.906.00

YOUTH COMMISSION PROGRAMS

Appropriation		$4,440.00
Director's wages	$3,500.00	
Assistant's wages	450.00	
Travel expenses	89.15	
Supplies & expenses	100.93	
Pool table	60.00	
	$4,200.08	
Balance to General Fund		$239.92

Respectfully Submitted,
Eleanor M. Ward, Accountant

RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Year Ending June 30, 1995

Balance of Cash at July 1, 1994	$ 799,874.48
Cash Received	4,722,243.42
Cash Disbursements	3,957,887.00
Balance of Cash at June 30, 1995	$1,564,230.90

Balance consists of:

United Savings Bank:		
	General Fund	$ 162,654.71
	Ambulance Fund	2,332.34
	Core Focus Fund	15,495.84
	Fred Cross-General Fllnd	59,062.15
	Fred Cross-Library	5,000.00
	Fred Cross-Cemetery	2,000.00
	Trust Funds	156,297.17
	Cemetery Funds	1,250.00
	Sewer Project	679,167.23
Greenfield Savings Bank		
	Stabilization Fund	$ 120,297.66
M.M.D.T.		
	General Fund	$ 333,190.73
	Hall Bequest-Fire Department	7,953.59
	Hall Bequest-Ambulance Fund	7,113.08
	Mary Priscilla Howes Fund	12,098.25
State Street Bank		
	Sewer Project	$ 318.15
	Total:	$1,564,230.90

Presentation of Cash:

	General Fund:	$ 1,208,225.67.
	Stabilization Fund:	120,297.66
	Trust Funds:	235,707.57
	Total:	$1,564,230.90

Note: Income also received to benefit Belding Park and Belding Library from the Milo Belding Jr. Endowment, held by the trustees of Shawmut Bank.

BELDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Annual Report 1995

The library has enjoyed another year of activity and increased use. We had a very lively and well attended series of events for both adults and children. Among them were, The Ashfield artists Lecture Series, supported by a grant from the Ashfield Cultural Council. These were a series of nine free lectures, organized by Jane Lund, in which area artists showed slides and discussed their particular approach and method. Also a success were the "Summer 95" library programs, made possible with funding from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the Friends of the Belding Memorial Library. These programs included three community concerts, storytelling by Margo Apple and other, porcupine tracking, theatre games and a planetarium show. All programs were free.

The meeting room continues to fill a community need and was used by a variety of groups, including, the Girl Scouts, the Boy Scouts, West County Day Care Providers, and the Ashfield Ladies' Literary Society, as well as such activities as, acting classes, education meetings, chess and magic games. A total of 1,643 people attended functions in the library in 1995.

The Children's room is a sunny, comfortable and well used space for children and adults. I have come upon many a contented adult happily reading while enjoying the sunshine that pours into the room.

We continue to be members of the Hilltown Video Circuit with Buckland, Shelburne, Shelburne Falls, Charlemont, Heath and Colrain. Our video collection includes videos from the Hilltown Video Collection, our own holdings and videos provided to us from the Western Massachusetts Regional Library System.

The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and the Western Massachusetts Regional Library System provide us with invaluable support in funding, guidance and education. This year The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners received capital funding from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to establish The Massachusetts Library and Information Network (MLIN), which allows users to search and retrieve information from Massachusetts libraries, community resources, national and international sources and licensed commercial databases. The Western Massachusetts Regional Library System coordinated the purchase of the computers and arranged training for staff, both of which were funded as part of the MLIN project.

The Western Massachusetts Regional Library System provides us with regular bookmobile service and an interlibrary loan service, both of which allows us to supplement and enhance our own collection. The Belding Memorial Library is one of the highest users of the interlibrary loan system. The region also runs educational workshops, such as the one I attended in the Fall, "Materials Selections and Library Collection Develop-

ment", a five week course that is a requirement for our receiving State aid. The region also organizes regular informational meetings between member libraries.

There has been a change of personnel, Lisa Kerr has joined the staff. Julia Meservy, who deserves special thanks for all her diligent work, has left to have a baby and Elise Lodi has taken her place.

Grateful thanks to all who have helped make this such a successful year. The Board of Library Trustees and Chairperson Tiertza-Leah Schwartz; The Friends of the Library, especially Sherry Liimatainen, Mary Lucas, George and Sylvia Monk, Marjorie Childers, Amy Shapiro and Donna Sarro; Kay Fessenden for her book repair skills; Pat and Nord Arvidson and Maureen Fuller for their help with the bookmobile visits; Christina Arvidson and Amber Liimatianen for their collections in the display case. A very special thanks to Helene Leue and Caron Bromberg for their energy, enthusiasm and hard work with the summer programs and Julia Meservy and Lisa kerr for administrating the Summer Reading Program. Thanks to Country Pie Pizza for donating a prize pizza. And finally, thanks to all our loyal reading patrons, it is you who are the ultimate success of the library.

We circulated a total of 21,536 library materials. 424 materials were circulated to patrons from out of town, for which we are reimbursed 28 ¢ per transaction from the state. We purchased : 88 adult nonfiction; 72 juvenile non-fiction; 73 adult fiction; 80 juvenile fiction and 27 videos. We received 104 gifts. 161 people applied for library membership.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne C. Judson, Library Director

BELDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY TRUSTEES 1996

This past year was again a year of growth for the library. We are grateful to our loyal patrons for their support and interest in the library. The trustees greatly appreciate the work of the staff and volunteers to meet the many and varied needs of the community.

The use of the meeting room greatly expanded this year with over 27 community programs cosponsored by the library meeting there. Numerous groups use the meeting room on a regular basis. During a typical week the Chess club, the Brownie Troop and 2 Girl Scout Troops meet there. Additional community groups such as a local theater group, the Friends of the Library, and the Regional Library Directors use the room for their meetings. We continue to provide the meeting room free of charge to local community groups holding meetings of a civic, educational, or cultural focus. Over 1,650 people used the meeting room last year.

We are delighted to report that through a state grant we received a computer that provided us with basic word processing and access to the WCMARS system for inter-library loans. As required by the grant, we have installed a new dedicated phone line so the computer is available for use by the community during library hours. The computer is a significant step in bringing the library into the technological age. We hope to be able to add additional computer reference materials next year.

The library is very grateful to individual who have made contributions of books or funding to the library. We are especially grateful to the Dickenson family for their generous donation of a complete video set of the plays of William Shakespeare performed by the BBC. We have informed local schools of this new resource which will be available for loan. We continue to be especially grateful to the Friends of the Library for their support and donations to held enrich the library.

I would especially like to thank Helene Leue and Diana Bennett for their excellent work as trustees. They have resigned from the board to pursue other interests, but the library will remain enriched from their efforts.

D. Tiertza-leah Schwartz
Chair of the Trustees

BELDING MEMORIAL PARK COMMISSION

Annual Report

Imagine it - a warm breeze caresses your body. You hear the gentle waves kiss the shore and the happy sounds of happy children playing in the crystalline sand. You hear the mournful cry of seagulls and breath the pure sea air -- oh wait, I'm describing a Caribbean vacation, however, some similarities exist between a summer on Ashfield Lake and a Caribbean vacation (surely all those people from New York can't be wrong).

It was a great summer ' warm with very few "rain days", Unfortunately, the lake remained at "low tide" which meant no diving board (sorely missed by many). Also missed by many parents was the arrival of a swimming instructor — the Park Commissioners searched high and low and everywhere in-between, but we were unable to locate a qualified candidate (we are hoping for better luck this season). Lifeguard equipment was ordered which upgraded the stuff we had (things we buy which we hope we don't need!). We are searching for money to possibly improve the tennis courts. We wish money did grow on trees, then we could painlessly make some of these costly improvements!

Good news - despite continued hot weather and lack of rain the bacteria count remained low. Great news - Ashfield Lake was blessed by having a great team of lifeguards! Many thanks go out to Jessica Silver, Pam Hurley, Steve Miles, and Sherri Reddi who handled the many duties of lifeguard with professionality - we were in good hands. Hope to see you back in the up-coming season!

Now a special thanks to Bob Levinson for his endless and tireless devotion to making the Park and the beach a much better place to be. We are sorry that his other obligations caused him to resign his position as a Park Commissioner and we hope that he knows how much his service has been appreciated and how much he will be missed. Assistance for the great shape of the park is also due to the incredible work of Dave DiLuzio and his people - thanks to y'all! Also a million thanks to the "sandman", Carmen DiLuca and Pittsfield Sand and Gravel for the donation of the sand to the beach as well as Harris and Gray for hauling it here "at cost". All these people exhibit the spirit of community that makes Ashfield such a great place to live.

Now for the greatest thanks of all - to the townspeople of Ashfield (and guests) who came to the Lake - after all, what is a beach without people to enjoy it? Thank you for your suggestions and support. May we have another great season in 1996.

Respectfully submitted:

Bev LaBelle (chair)
Karen Schlichter

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

1995 saw the continuation of by-law revision and citizen review. It culminated with a final public hearing on April 5th and a vote on April 19th. The vote was unanimous in support of the proposed by-laws which are now officially recognized by the State Attorney General (with the exception of the sign by-law provisions - new legal precedents require rewording). Revising the sign by-laws will be on the Board's agenda over the next few months.

There was only a modest amount of routine business this year: six public hearings scheduled and one cancelled prior to the hearing date.

The Board has several tasks on its agenda including perfecting in-house regulations and standards, possible additions to the by-laws, the ability to monitor ANR proposals for feasible drive access, planning for the village center, planning for and protecting 'town character', protecting agricultural lands and discussing the Board's future roll in promoting worthwhile uses for Sanderson Academy and other town buildings. Public hearings are likely in 1996 on selected subjects.

After a considerable absence of a secretary, the Board now has the able assistance of Julie Gray.

John Cranston was appointed to the Board and long time member Ann Yuryan left by not running for re-election. A large thank-you to Ann for her able service and vast knowledge which is missed.

Walter Cudnohufsky serves as the current chair. Current Board members include: Grace Lesure, clerk; and Alden Gray and Michael Fitzgerald in addition to Walter and John. The Board meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 at Town Hall. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend and ideas or interests related to town planning are welcomed.

Respectfully submitted,
The Planning Board

REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

In 1995 the town voted in a new set of Zoning By-laws. The previous set had been in effect since the late 1970's. The new bylaws retained all the essential elements of the previous set with a few additions and changes. One of the changes is that the ZBA now hears petitions for a Special Permit to alter or extend pre-existing non-conforming uses. This was formerly done by the Planning Board. Another change is that more than two dwelling units can be allowed by Special permit from the ZBA in a building constructed prior to 1975. The Board reviewed and revised its operating rules to reflect its new duties. Moreover a set of forms were developed, with instructions, to make business before the Board more user friendly.

There was only one matter before the Board in 1995. It was a petition for a variance to allow the construction of a single family home on lot less than two acres in size and with less than two hundred feet of frontage. For various reasons three members of the Board had to excuse themselves from hearing this variance petition. In order to have a quorum of three members to hear the case, Ann Yuryan resigned and Bob Nylen was appointed by the Board of Selectmen. After a hearing the variance was granted. When the case was concluded Bob resigned and Ann was reappointed to the Board. The Board is grateful to Bob for his willingness to serve and for the donation of his time and efforts to this matter.

In the Spring, M. Diane Muller resigned from the Board to join the Finance Committee. During Diane's tenure the board made significant progress in several areas. She also served as Clerk and participated in several cases. Her wisdom, thoughtfulness and counsel will be missed. In early 1996, she was elected to the Board of Selectmen. It is hoped that her experience on the ZBA will assist her in discharging her responsibilities as a Selectperson.

Stuart Harris was appointed to the Board as a full member to fill Diane's vacancy. He has served several years as an associate member and has participated in various cases. Stuart's dedication to the quality of life in Ashfield has been expressed in many areas. Ann Yuryan was appointed as an associate member to fill the vacancy left by Stuart. She brings to the Board many years of land use experience as a member of the Planning Board and as a member of the By-Law review committee. Her position of Town Clerk also adds to the value of her contribution as a member. The Board is also grateful to Anna Fessenden for another year of taking the minutes and doing the paperwork that keeps the Board functioning smoothly.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack McNiff, Chairman
Clayton Craft
Stuart Harris
Ann Yuryan, Assoc., Clerk
Ken Lilly, Assoc.

MINUTES
ASHFIELD CULTURAL COUNCIL
November 12, 1995

The meeting of the Ashfield Cultural Council opened at 7:00 pm. Present were Beverly Duncan, Ticia Kane, Jane Lund, Susan McGowan, Fred Rees, Frank Ward and Jack Werner. A report by Treasurer Fred Rees indicated a fund of $4,262.15. Of that, $3,100 had been newly received from the State for 1006 grants, $1,000 was unspent funds from 1995, and $162.15 was left over from the previous year's expenses. It was agreed by the members that up to $4,200.00 be allocated in grants for 1996.

Jack Werner had prepared a list of all thirty applications received, totaling requests for $13,007.00. Members agreed to the following grants totaling $4,159.50:

Ashfield Historical Society Oral History Project	$320.00
Ashfield Community Theater - Diary of Anne Frank	500.00
Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Assoc. - Valley Voices	150.00
Town Hall Concerts - Chamber Music	325.00
Ashfield Poetry Series	100.00
Jude Elbaum - Memorial Photographic Exhibit	250.00
Belding Memorial Library Summer Program	650.00
Belding Memorial Library - Art on Loan	250.00
Ashfield Artists Lecture Series - Photographers	300.00
Mary Lyon Educational Foundation - Evening Classes	100.00
Swing Concert - Dance (fund-raiser for ACC)	400.00
Pothole Pictures Student Film Series	150.00
Sanderson Academy PASS "Jack Sprat..."	265.00
Sanderson Academy PASS Sturbridge Village	232.50
Sanderson Academy PASS P.V. Symphony series	167.00

Respectfully submitted,
Ashfield Cultural Council

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT

My duties were more interesting than usual in the past year. In May, my services were requested to help capture an escaped Ostrich. Even though these creatures are not native to New England, some people keep them for a hobby and raise them for meat. I learned a lot about these unique birds in a very short time.

Another area of interest is the present rabies epidemic. New discoveries in testing and infection of this disease has helped slow its spread, however, the epidemic is far from over or lessening in the area. The good news is that as of January, 1996, Ashfield still has no confirmed cases of rabies.

Massachusetts, along with many other states, has passed several new and stricter animal laws. Among them, the issues of cruelty, abuse, bites or attacks and harassments were addressed. As general knowledge, any animal bites should be reported to me as soon as possible to insure proper treatment and investigation for the protection of the victim and the owner.

As a reminder, all dogs six months and older must be licensed by April first of each year. In order to obtain a dog license, an up-to-date rabies certificate must be presented to the town clerk. Cats six months or older are required by state law to have an up-to-date rabies shot also. Any animal that has hair or fur should be vaccinated against rabies.

Ashfield has a year round restraining order. Dog owners are fully responsible for any expenses resulting from damages done by an unrestrained dog.

I want to thank all the people who have supported and assisted me in performing my duties as Ashfield's Animal Control Officer. Anyone having questions or concerns can reach me at 628-3811. All lost and found animal notices are posted in the Post Office, Nolan's Store and on the bulletin board next to the Countrypie Pizza Store.

Dogs confined	12
Dogs placed	2
Cats confined	3
Cats placed	1
Other animals confined	3
Animal bites	4
Phone calls	2204
Milage	1113
Labor	1022
Fines collected	$171.00
Kennel expenses	$355.35

Respectfully submitted,
WARREN KIRKPATRICK
Animal Control Officer

ASHFIELD HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

The HRC is pleased to submit this second report for the Town of Ashfield. During the past year we have continued with our goal of finding ways to raise awareness, understanding and respect of the differences among people. We remain committed to forming partnerships with the various community institutions and organizations such as the two churches, the schools, and the library. We would like to thank them for their interest m celebrating diversity and for their support.

We have had a busy year. The Sarah Pirtle concert, "Building Bridges", was held in February and was jointly sponsored by the Belding Memorial Library and St. John's Episcopal Church and the Human Relations Commission. Over sixty children and adults attended and joined together in making music from a variety of cultures and countries.

We worked together with Anne Mislak, principal of Sanderson Academy, to send home the pamphlet "You, Your Child, and Tolerance" with all Sanderson students. Anne Mislak wrote a letter of introduction for the pamphlet in the school newsletter and she and the staff generated classroom and school wide discussions about differences with the children during the week that the pamphlet went home. The Human Relations Commission donated five books to Sanderson Academy Library with themes of celebrating diversity, accepting differences, and teaching about the various contributions of different cultures.

The Human Relations Commission cosponsored a presentation of the Clothesline Project with St. John's Episcopal Church on Friday, April 14th. The display was featured during the Good Friday liturgy, and was also available for viewing throughout that day. The presentation was supplemented by readings and was described as a powerful and moving experience by some of the fifty people who came to view it.

For our October meeting we hosted a "Forum For Listening" with the goal of providing a safe and respectful environment for the 75-100 people present to discuss their feelings about a complaint that had been lodged against one of our citizens. The Human Relations Commission did not hear the complaint at that meeting since there had been no criminal or civil violation. One of the outcomes of that meeting was a call for further discussion and education about diversity for both the children and the adults in our community.

In December we invited the town to join us in a demonstration of community caring by displaying a picture of a Menorah in a window during Hanukkah. The intent was to show unity with our Jewish friends and neighbors in light of the various incidents of anti-Semitism that have occurred around Franlkin County in recent years. This event was cosponsored with St. John's Episcopal Church and the First Congregational Church.

The Commission meets in the Town Hall on the third Tuesday of each

month at 7:15 PM. Our meetings are open and we welcome input from all interested citizens.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Beth Long, Co-Chair
Peter Elenois, Co-Chair
Helen Boyden
Jean Ferris
Ray Redfern
Andrea Ociesa Sears

COUNCIL ON AGING/TOWN OF ASHFIELD
1995 ANNUAL REPORT

The Council on Aging Consortium, representing the towns of Ashfield, Buckland, Colrain, and Shelburne, sponsors a comprehensive program of services through the Shelburne Senior Center. The Council on Aging is committed to the following functions:

1. Advocate for the needs of area elders in order to create a caring community that fosters communication among all age groups and that fosters the development of coalitions among individuals, among social service agencies, and among the four towns.

2. Provide a physical site that offers supportive services and activities of families and elders which recognizes the right of elders to participate in the determination of issues and services which vitally affect them.

3. Provide information and referral on a broad range of topics and services through telephone and in-person contacts, and through an outreach program that may include home visits.

4. Provide a program of service reflecting health and nutrition, culture, recreation, and volunteer activities that fosters independence and creativity, physical and mental fitness, and social well-being.

5. Provide access to the program of service described above through an efficient and well-publicized demand-response transportation system.

The Council on Aging created many new programs this year, and continues to offer health and flu clinics, exercise programs, foot care, tax assistance, brown bag distribution (a food assistance program for elders who need to stretch their budget), inter-generational programs with the schools, writers and artists series, and a cooperative program with the police department to help prevent crimes against elders.

For the second year in a row, the Council on Aging Consortium has received recognition on the state level. Last year Governor Weld presented

one of the first R.O.S.E. (Resources Organized to Serve Elders) Awards to the Consortium, and this year the Director was given the Ann B. Brown award for dedicated service and outstanding effort on behalf of older persons by the Mass. Association of Councils on Aging.

Town members should be aware of the role played by volunteers in carrying out the services of the Council. Volunteers make up eighty percent of the work force at the Senior Center and are the backbone of the Meals-on-Wheels and Congregate Dining programs. We would also like to recognize the tremendous job done by all of the staff: Joan Bonney, Meal-site Manager, Christine Waller, Caseworker, Yvonne Hathaway and Audrey Brown, Senior Aides, Don Hillman, Van Driver, and Cecile Callahan, Administrative Aide. Our thanks to everyone who participates at the Senior Center, and to the support given to the Council on Aging from the cooperating towns.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Brown, Director
Sylvia Monk, Chair
George Monk
Cass Nawrocki
Sally Straus

ASHFIELD YOUTH COMMISSION

1995 Annual Report

The Ashfield Youth Commission would like to thank the Town of Ashfield for its support of the youth program for last winter and this summer's program. We would like to extend an special thanks to the Ashfield Police and the Ashfield Fire Departments for all of the support they have given to the youth program. We would like to thank Sanderson Academy for allowing for the use of the Gym and facilities, and a special thanks to every one of the adult chaperons and volunteers who donated their time with the youth program. All of these contributions helped to make the youth program a success during the past year.

Over One-hundred youth were able to participate in the past winters programs and in the summer programs offered through the Youth Commission including special classes in Auto Mechanics, Drawing, Computers, and Tennis lessons. Local youth traveled for trips to a UMASS basketball game, Berkshire East Ski Area, the Y.M.C.A. of Franklin County, Interskate 91, Mt. Tom Water Park, Salisbury State Beach, DAR State forrest, Northampton Bowl, Riverside Park, and to Fenway Park for a Boston Red Sox game. In addition there was a six-week Teen Center in Sanderson Academy adjacent over the summer including workshops and drop-in activities.

This up-coming Winter season we plan to offer classes in Art and Music and a full schedule of regular events each will be posted around town. There are plans for a outdoor Skating Rink to be located behind Sanderson Academy adjacent to the Ball fields. The Winter program will last through March with a final trip planned for April. Thank you for all of your support.

Respectfully Submitted:
Peter J. Keeney, Director
Alyson Patch, Chair
Peg McGuire
Johanna Anderson
Sue Ashe

WESTERN FRANKLIN VETERANS' SERVICE CENTER
VETERANS' AGENT - ANNUAL REPORT

During the past fiscal year (FY95) we were called upon to provide veterans' benefits to seven veterans and their families. The money was used to provide aid as follows:

Ordinary Benefits		$13,902.84
Fuel		$1,006.01
	Total	$14,908.85

The towns which provided this aid will be reimbursed 75 % by the State and are as follows:

Buckland	$1,761.46
Charlemont	$6,983.10
Heath	$6,164.29

Twenty veterans passed away during the year and the Center assisted the survivors with their VA claims for Burial Benefits, Flags, Grave markers, Pensions and compensation to which they are legally entitled.

Some of the many on-going services to veterans are - help to complete all Veterans Administration claim forms and provide assistance to all veterans and their dependents in connection with their claims under Federal Programs and preparation of Tax Abatement Forms for veterans with service-connected disabilities.

Two meetings were held this year with various representatives from the ten towns to discuss the over-all program.

Respectfully submitted,
John F. Evans, Director/Veterans' Agent

WESTERN FRANKLIN VETERANS' SERVICE CENTER

Treasurer's Annual Report

July 1, 1994 - June 30, 1995

Receipts

Town of Ashfield	$3,472.45
Town of Buckland	$2,936.58
Town of Charlemont	$1,950.57
Town of Colrain	$2,636.49
Town of Conway	$2,850.84
Town of Hawley	$643.05
Town of Heath	$1,564.75
Town of Monroe	$385.83
Town of Plainfield	$1,629.05
Town of Shelburne	$3,365.27
Flags and Markers	$1,286.70
Interest-United Bank	$225.54
Federal Withholding Tax	$840.00
State Withholding Tax	$408.00
Medicare	$141.36
Social Security	$604.56
TOTAL	**$24,941.04**

Payments

Agent's Salary	$9,750.00
Treasurer's Salary	$600.00
Rent	$1,800.00
Telephone	$383.29
Office Expense	$197.50
Dues and Subscriptions	$80.00
Flags and Markers	$1,497.60
Treasurer Bond	$50.00
Federal Tax	$840.00
State Tax	$408.00
Medicare	$282.72
Social Security	$1,209.12
County Retirement	$3,707.00
Computer and Printer	$2,585.00
Refund to Towns	$8,000.00
TOTAL	**$31,390.23**

July 1, 1994 United Savings Bank Balance	$10,653.69
Plus Receipts	$24,941.04
Less Payments	$31,390.23
June 30, 1995 United Savings Bank Balance	**$4,204.50**

Respectfully Submitted
Valerie L. Walker, Treasurer

REPORT OF BUILDING INSPECTOR

I herewith submit my annual report for the Building Inspector portion of the FCCIP for F.Y.'95. The number of building permits increased by almost 10% over F.Y.'94, to a total of 952. This increase is similarly reflected in the near 10% increase of project valuation, which totaled over 21 million dollars.

The number of housing starts within the Building Inspector portion of the FCCIP increased 12% over F.Y.'94, to a total of 100 single- and two-family dwellings. Shutesbury, Conway, Bernardston, Leverett, and Whately were the most active towns, accounting for 57 of the housing starts and nearly 400 of the overall building permit activity.

All construction, renovation, and change-of-use projects will go smoothly with the right amount of planning. I may influence these projects as the enforcer of the local zoning bylaws and the Mass. State Bldg. Code, and would welcome questions during all stages of the project, especially in the planning stage. I realize that not everyone agrees with the interpretation of the building official with regard to the rules and regulations of the Commonwealth, but it is important to keep in mind that it is every person's right, if aggrieved with the interpretation, to appeal to the local Zoning Board of Appeals or the District State Building Inspector for guidance. These appeals are welcomed and encouraged by all building officials as a possible means of relief for the applicant, where the regulation sometimes appears too -inflexible for a particular situation. This year we hired two new employees - Philip Delorey of Wendell is now our part-time inspector, and Christina Brothers of Monroe is our senior clerk. Phil is doing an excellent job of assuming most of the field inspections, freeing me to attempt to stay on top of the paperwork. Chris shares all functions of the office operation with Judy and we are very pleased to have her as a member of our FCCIP family.

I thank all the residents, builders, town officials, and local boards for their continued assistance, guidance, and cooperation with this office.

Victor E. Staley
Inspector of Buildings

FRANKLIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE INSPECTION

FISCAL YEAR REPORT FOR BUILDING PERMITS

JULY 1, 1994 TO JUNE 30, 1995

Town	Permits	Value	Dwell Unit*	Permit Fees	Cert. of OCC	Cert. of Inspec**	C.I. Fees	Other Fees	Total
Ashfield	83	1,275,220	6	6,835.00	15	6	80.00	0.00	6,915.00
Bernardston	78	3,219,426	12	17,025.00	16	10	395.00	80.00	17,500.00
Buckland	97	1,194,706	6	6,730.00	11	11	40.00	0.00	6,770.00
Charlemont	57	1,013,106	5	5,530.00	9	11	240.00	25.00	5,795.00
Conway	90	1,913,110	13	10,275.00	15	5	40.00	40.00	10,355.00
Erving	64	1,273,122	7	6,995.00	13	10	220.00	20.00	7,235.00
Gill	83	2,607,042	6	13,725.00	6	30	1,313.00	0.00	15,038.00
Hawley	18	191,420	1	1,170.00	1	1	0.00	0.00	1,170.00
Heath	33	416,286	1	2,315.00	7	4	0.00	0.00	2,315.00
Leverett	82	1,845,248	9	9,315.00	25	8	120.00	30.00	9,465.00
Leyden	34	731,900	7	3,795.00	7	2	0.00	0.00	3,795.00
Monroe	4	50,000	0	270.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	270.00
Shelburne	86	907,813	4	5,095.00	12	31	1,000.00	0.00	6,095.00
Shutesbury	81	2,687,085	15	14,105.00	27	6	100.00	110.00	14,315.00
Whately	62	2,045,646	8	10,554.00	14	10	300.00	0.00	10,854.00
TOTALS	**952**	**$21,371,130**	**100**	**$113,734.00**	**178**	**145**	**3,848.00**	**$305.00**	**$117,887.00**

*2-Family and Multi-dwellings are issued only one permit per building.

**These figures reflect only those inspections which receive Certificate. Many other inspections are performed by B.I., but for various reasons no Certificates are issued.

"Other Fees" reflect reinspections and duplication of permits and C.O.'s

FRANKLIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE INSPECTION PROGRAM

Dear Member Town:

The enclosed report is for Fiscal Year 1995 and reflects Wiring permits and fee activity for all member towns. A review of the number of permits and fees collected each fiscal year since the program began shows the following:

FY	1987	485 permits	$18,404.12 fees
	1988	600	25,194.25
	1989	670	27,125,00
	1990	630	27,792.00
	1991	629	30,812.00
	1992	667	28,638.13
	1993	617	26,659.50
	1994	608	25,210.00
	1995	704	34,749.00

Once again, I would like to extend my appreciation to all town officials for your cooperation and assistance during the past year.

Sincerely,
Edward F. Marchefka
Electrical Inspector

WIRING INSPECTOR

PERMIT FEE RECEIPTS FROM TOWNS:

TOWN	REINSPECTION FEEES	PERMITS	AMOUNT
ASHFIELD	0.00	53	2,080
BERNARDSTON	0.00	54	2,962
BUCKLAND	20.00	63	2,430
CHARLEMONT	25.00	51	1,900
CONWAY	0.00	67	3,265
ERVING	40.00	52	2,955
GILL	0.00	0	0
HAWLEY	0.00	10	465
HEATH	0.00	41	2,473

LEVERETT	0.00	66	2,730
LEYDEN	0.00	0	0
MONROE	0.00	4	180
NORTHFIELD	15.00	87	4,105
SHELBURNE	20.00	67	2,997
SHUTESBURY	0.00	0	0
WARWICK	0.00	0	0
WENDELL	0.00	28	1,320
WHATELY	435.00	61	3,887
TOTAL:	$555.00	704	$33,749
TOTAL AMOUNT COLLECTED			$34,304.00

Edward F. Marchefka
Wiring Inspector

FRANKLIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE INSPECTION PROGRAM

Dear Member Town:

The enclosed report is for Fiscal Year 1995 and reflects Plumbing/ Gas permits and fee activity for all member towns. A review of the number of permits and fees collected each fiscal year since the program began shows the following:

FY 1987	336 permits	$ 12,056.00 fees
1988	719	22,218.00
1989	596	23,447.00
1990	632	26,050.00
1991	591	26,409.00
1992	527	23,319.00
1993	467	20,899.00
1994	608	19,935.00
1995	510	27,476.00

Once again, I would like to extend my appreciation to all town officials for your cooperation and assistance during the past year.

Sincerely,
Paulin J. Bukowski
Plumbing/Gas Inspector

PLUMBING/GAS INSPECTOR

PERMIT FEE RECEIPTS FROM TOWNS:

TOWN	REINSPECTION FEEES	PERMITS	AMOUNT
ASHFIELD	56.00	55	2,391
BERNARDSTON	163.00	56	2,732
BUCKLAND	52.00	54	2,721
CHARLEMONT	36.00	36	1,799
CONWAY	152.00	74	4,126
ERVING	20.00	31	2,010
GILL	0.00	0	0
HAWLEY	8.00	2	91
HEATH	20.00	25	1,909
LEVERETT	48.00	54	2,990
LEYDEN	51.00	24	1,382
MONROE	0.00	2	82
NORTHFIELD	0.00	0	0
SHELBURNE	0.00	52	2,517
SHUTESBURY	0.00	0	0
WARWICK	0.00	0	0
WENDELL	0.00	0	0
WHATELY	144.00	45	1,976
TOTAL:	$750.00	510	$26,726.00
TOTAL AMOUNT COLLECTED			$27,476.00

Paulin J. Bukowski
Plumbing & Gas Inspector

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSION

The Franklin County Commission is a multipurpose agency dedicated to providing services and products which support our municipalities and residents. We integrate regional and local planning, human services advocacy and coordination, and municipal service production through the Commission in order to secure our regional goals of:

• Balancing economic development with the protection of natural and cultural resources which are the foundation of our region's rural character and heritage,

• Capturing economies of scale in public services production and delivery in a rural region comprised of many political subdivisions, and

• Building healthier communities by developing and connecting broad-based community coalitions which raise the level of expectations

for community achievement

The Franklin County Commission advocates on behalf of our twenty-six communities at the state and federal level to ensure that programs, policies and funding which impact our natural, cultural and human resources are responsive to our rural issues and build upon our economic strength as a unique region.

HIGHLIGHTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS FROM 1995

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

• Organized and produced an **Overall Economic Development Plan** for Franklin County. This plan sets the funding priorities for U.S. Economic Development Administration projects in industrial park and public infrastructure.

• Awarded and executed a **Route 112 Scenic Farm Byway Plan** for Buckland and Ashfield. This plan enables these towns to take further actions which enhance agricultural and open space economic development opportunities.

• Organized pilot project for **Connecticut River Streambank Erosion Management.** Brought to the table utilities, landowners, town, state and federal government, environmentalists to develop and execute pilot project.

• Secured **$140,000 EPA grant to implement Connecticut River Pilot Study.**

• Developed and secured **$200,000** funding for **Route 2 Safety Improvements Study** design for funding and execution in 1996.

• Published model manual for **Design Alternatives for Rural Roads.** Identifies standards and models which support towns' interests in constructing and repairing roads in keeping with rural character.

• Awarded **$183,000 Tri-State Scenic Farm Byway grant** focusing in Franklin County on expanding economic and safety features for farm related or business use.

• Developed a **Public Water Suppliers Cooperative Purchasing System.**

• Coordinated the development of the **1996-1998 Transportation Improvement Program,** which prioritizes the use of federal highway funds in Franklin County.

• Secured **$215,000** funding for first leg of the **Franklin County Bikeway.**

• Secured in-house **Certifications for Title 5 System Inspections and Soil Evaluations** so that these services can be provided to towns or developers.

• Developed **Computer Mapping Services** for town planning and engineering.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

• Conducted and disseminated results of **Survey of Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drug Abuse among Young People in Greater Franklin County.**

• Produced a **Youth Activities Fair and Forum** attracting over 100

participants.

• Organized with **DARE Officers and Coalition Members Franklin County Fair Booth Outreach.**

• Staffed the efforts of the **Tobacco Control Coalition and Awarded $8,000 in Mini-grants for tobacco-use cessation activities.**

• Organized and supported the production of the **Sixth Annual Youth Issues Conference** attracting over **150 participants.**

• Coordinated and implemented the **School to Work Partnership for Franklin County**, serving eight area schools with school to career training, secured $275,000 in additional grant funding.

• Substantially participated in drafting **A Reinventing Justice Action Plan**, a report to the Massachusetts Supreme Court on the extensive outreach efforts, analysis, and recommendations for the creation of a twenty-first century justice system in Franklin County.

ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEM

• Secured **Legislation changing Treasurer from elected to appointed,** assuring increased professionalism in the management of budget and pension fund.

• Caught up two years of audits and cleared all outstanding audit issues.

• Produced **Cooperative Bids for 22 towns and 20 other public entities for a total value of $2,805,000 of goods** ranging from office products to highway supplies.

• Established as **State Pilot Site for Municipal Internet Link to State Services.**

MUNICIPAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES

• Implemented the Economic Target Area Designation won by the Commission in 1994 by preparing **7 of 23 successful Economic Opportunity Area projects statewide, enabling the creation of 319 new jobs and retaining 505 a total of $28 million in new investment.**

• Analyzed and coordinated changes in subscription pool to secure **decreased health insurance premiums for the Franklin County Group** consisting of 24 towns and 10 other public entities.

• Produced several **Grantwriting workshops for Towns** attended by over 50 people.

• Organized and conducted **Workshops for evaluating Americans with Disabilities Act issues for town facilities.**

• **Redesigned engineering services to be self funding within two years,** while nearing completion of **local road design** project in Colrain.

• Provided **computer consulting services** under specific job contracts to three towns for systems installations, applications and troubleshooting.

• Published **Wage and Salary Survey for Franklin County Towns and the Guide to Franklin County Municipal Officials.**

HILLTOWN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COOPERATIVE

1995 ANNUAL SUMMARY

The Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative is a municipally funded waste management and recycling organization consisting of eleven Communities; Ashfield, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Hatfield, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg and Worthington. These Towns joined forces through an inter-municipal agreement in 1989 to cooperatively and proactively deal with their waste management and recycling problems. The HRMC, as part of its charter is directed to create and implement a comprehensive waste management strategy for the region. The HRMC realizes that waste prevention through regional cooperative outreach and technical assistance programs is the most effective cost prevention strategy at the local level.

The four main goals of the HRMC are to:

1. Assist the Towns in monitoring and controlling waste disposal and recycling costs.

2. Perform aggressive and proactive education/outreach programs through the schools, town meetings, and regionally. Programs such as the Household Hazardous Waste Collection, the compost bin distribution and general education to keep the public informed about waste management and recycling issues.

3. Advocate on behalf of the Towns concerning statewide waste management and recycling related issues when appropriate.

4. Keep abreast of changing State and Federal regulations on behalf of local Boards which manage the Towns waste disposal and recycling programs

We each are responsible for generating over 2000 lbs of trash and recyclables and 30 lbs of Household Hazardous Waste each year. Educating residents and broadening the options available locally, like we did this year with compost bins and the expanded paper and plastic recycling programs, is our main mission. It is the combined efforts of the eleven HRMC member Towns through the board members, volunteers and its administrator which allow the HRMC to accomplish its goals. To this end each year the HRMC has dedicated 1/2 of its $54,316.02 budget to education and outreach efforts and the remainder of its budget to technical assistance and other HRMC programs. The HRMC has also been awarded over $9,000 in Federal, State and private grant money over the past year to further assist us in all of our efforts.

It is my great pleasure to serve as administrator of the HRMC. The HRMC is here as a resource for you. If you have any questions about waste disposal or recycling please call our Community Help Line in Williamsburg at (413) 268 - 3845. This is your cooperative together we can make it work.

Respectfully submitted,
Eric Weiss

FRED W. WELLS FUND TRUSTEES

Funds totaling $169,717.63 were available for distribution for the fiscal year 1995-1996. They were allocated to three specific areas: Education, Health and Agriculture.

EDUCATION: The Trustees received 218 applications for education grants and approved 192 students to receive $141,000. This amount includes two $1000 Wells Scholarships in honor of Ralph and Hilda Haskins.

HEALTH: Two health programs were approved. The following organizations received funds totaling $21,000:
1. New England Center For Women In Transition
2. Hospice Of Franklin County

AGRICULTURE: A total of $7717.63 was approved for payment to the following:
1. Franklin County Agricultural Society
2. Heath Agricultural Fair
3. Shelburne Grange Fair

Respectfully Submitted,
Douglas A. Chandler, Trustee

THE CARL H. NILMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The fund was established under the provisions of the will of Carl H. Nilman for the purpose of providing scholarships. Recipients shall be graduates of Mohawk Trail Regional High School who desire and are deemed worthy of post high school education or training and are in need of financial assistance. Scholarships awarded since 1991 total $ 153,300.00 Of this, $53,575 has gone to graduating seniors and $99,725 has gone to postgraduates. The initial committee felt that much money is available to graduating seniors but little to those already in college. They chose to grant more money to post- graduates.

The breakdown is as follows:

Year	# of awards(Seniors)	$	# of awards (grads)	$
91	32	17,900	43	27,250
92	23	6,450	50	19,350
93	29	8,925	51	16,425
94	31	11,800	54	16,600
95	29	8,500	54	21,100
	144	$ 53,575	252	$ 101,225

Respectfully Submitted,
Carolyn Jarmulowicz, Secretary

FY 96 APPROPRIATIONS LIST

Annual Town Meeting

May 6, 1995	Transfer/Borrow	Taxation	AvailableFunds	Special Funds
Accountant		7,000.00		
Administrative Assistant		15,760.00		
Animal Control Officer Expenses		300.00		
Animal Control Officer Salary		500.00		
Appeals Board		375.00		
Assessors' Expenses		19,654.00		
Assessors' Equipment		2,500.00		
Audit & Accounting		3,000.00		
Belding Memorial Library		17,500.00		
Belding Park Restoration			10,000.00	
(From Free Cash)				
Bonds		800.00		
Care of Soldiers Graves		700.00		
Civil Defense		200.00		
Conservation Commission			500.00	
(From WetLands Acct.)				
Council on Aging		2,341.92		
Debt Service:				
Debt Exclusion:				
SewerLoan: Principal		20,000.00		
Interest		1,000.00		
Sewer Short Term Interest		31,792.00		
Handicap Access: Principal		20,000.00		
Interest		5,000.00		
Highway Loader: Principal			63,995.00	
(From Free Cash)				
Interest		3,039.76		
Other:				
Interest on Loans		5,000.00		
Elections		1,150.00		
Enterprise Fund (SEWER)				
Fixed Operating Costs:				
Salaries	14,500.00			
Administrative Exp.	1,335.00			
Payment of Interest	13,908.00			
Total	29,043.00			
Volume Based Operating Costs:				
Treaunent Costs	20.065.00			
Total	49,108.00			
		34,586.50		14,521.50
Fire Chiefs Salary		800.00		
Fire Department		19,202.00		
Fire Department: New Truck				
Borrowing	100,000.00			
(From Stabilization)			48,500.00	

May 6, 1995	Transfer/Borrow	Taxation	AvailableFunds	Special Funds
Fire Protection		1,693.52		
Foothills Health District		11,813.74		
Franklin County Bldg. Insp. Prog.		16,736.81		
Fuel Exp. Acct: Fire		750.00		
Hwy/Amb.		15,000.00		
Police		4,000.00		
General Highway Chap. 81		78,000.00		
Health Board Expenses		500.00		
Health Board Salary 3@450.00		1,350.00		
Health Insurance		35,500.00		
Heating Town Buildings		4,000.00		
Highway Super. Salary		32,179.00		
Hilltown Resource Management		6,005.93		
Historical Commission		200.00		
Human Relations Commission		300.00		
Inspector of Animals		200.00		
Insurance: Town Bldg./Equip.		12,000.00		
Public Officials Liability		1,000.00		
Lifeguard		5,000.00		
Machinery Maint. Exp.		46,000.00		
Medicare		9,500.00		
Memorial Day		500.00		
Office Expenses		4,890.00		
Parks and Beach		3,900.00		
Planning Board		1,650.00		
Police Chief Holiday Pay		1,148.00		
Police Chief Salary		29,852.00		
Police Department		28,888.00		
Registrars of Voters		500.00		
Reserve Fund		10,000.00		
Retirement System		24,313.00		
School Committee				
Sch. Comm. 3@225.00		675.00		
Schools				
Mohawk Trail K-12 Dis.		990,958.32		
Sewer Fee - Town Buildings		1,500.00		
Sewer hook-up-Town Buildings		10,000.00		
Sick Leave		7,800.00		
Stabilization				35,000.00
(From Free Cash)				
Street Lights		3,251.00		
Street Lists		450.00		
Tax Collector's Expenses		3,635.00		
Town Clerk's Expenses		805.00		
Town Counsel		5,000.00		
Town Hall Maint.		4,500.00		
Town Hall Painting				3,000.00
(From Fund Cross)				

May 6, 1995	Transfer/Borrow	Taxation	AvailableFunds	Special Funds
Town Hall Renovation		5,000.00		
TOWN OFFICER SALARIES				
Selectman, Chr.		1,500.00		
Selectmen (2@$1,250.)		2,500.00		
Assessor, Chr. :		1,500.00		
Assessors (2@$1,250.)		2,500.00		
Moderator		100.00		
Tax Collector		4,500.00		
Town Clerk		3,500.00		
Treasurer		5,500.00		
Town Reports		2,000.00		
Transfer Station		46,000.00		
Tree Warden		3,800.00		
Treasurers Expenses		1,250.00		
Unemployment		500,00		
Vacation,Personal,Bereavement		13,350.00		
Veterans' Benefits		100.00		
W. Franklin Vets Dist.		3,117.18		
Winter Roads		74,500.00		
Worker's Compensation		8,500.00		
Youth Commission		4,500.00		
TOTALS:	$100,000.00	$1,812,362.68	$160,995.00	$14,521.50
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING June 6, 1995				
Sewer Construction Borrowing C44sec.8(15) or C29C MGL	656,000.00			
TOTALS:	$756,000.00	$1,812,362.68	$160,995.00	$14,521.50
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING July 17, 1995				
Bob's Tree Service			1,320.00	
(From Free Cash)				
Improvement of Roads C85-1994				
Borrowing C.44,sec.6A	237,841.00			
Animal Control Exp. Acct.				
(From Free Cash)			100.00	
Animal Control Salary Acct.				
(From Free Cash)			400.00	
TOTAL:	$993,841.00	$1,812,362.68	$162,815.00	$14,521.50
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING October 2, 1995				
Sewer Construction				
Borrowing	200,000.00			
C.44sec8(15) or C.29C MGL				
TOTALS:	$1,193,841 .00	$1,812,362.68	$162,815.00	$14,521.50

ASHFIELD AMBULANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Looking back over this past year, one of the most exciting things to report to you is the change over to the Enhanced 911 system for requesting emergency assistance. This has been a long and tiring process. At this time virtually all homes have been numbered and entered into the data base. With the start-up of 911 came the ability to enter pertinent medical information into the data base that can be given to EMT's responding to calls for medical assistance. If you would like more details please give me a call at 628-3231. Many thanks to everyone who worked on this project.

This year there was a decrease in the number of calls for the ambulance, but this does not upset us. We have, at this time, 17 EMT's and 6 First Responders providing coverage. As always I must extend a big "THANK YOU" to these people for being so dedicated.

Last year I reported that 1997 would be the year to replace the Ambulance as it will be ten years old and must be replaced. At the May 1997 town meeting we will present an article for the purchase of a new ambulance. Through a very generous donation of $1,000 and three equally generous donations of $ 500 each we have 2 CD's totaling $2,500 set aside for the new ambulance. We are in the process of starting a Fund Drive to help offset what we will ask for at next year's town meeting. We will be soliciting help in this project from everyone. If you would like to make a donation specifically for the new ambulance please send it to: Ashfield Ambulance; P.O. Box 535; Ashfield, MA 01330. Please indicate that it is for the new ambulance so that it will be put into that account. Remember all donations are tax deductible.

As I said before, I wish to thank everyone for their dedication to the Ambulance service, whether a dispatcher, an EMT, or a First Responder. I also wish to extend an extra "THANK YOU" to two people who are always there. Del Haskins helps me more than he will ever know. He not only goes on runs, but he helps out with anything I ask him to do. The other person is Janice Scott. She may not go on runs, but she keeps track of all donations, thank you notes and all of the medical equipment which we loan out to townspeople; she sells sweatshirts and tee shirts year round; and she maintains the EMT's treasury just to name a few of her tasks. I personally wish to thank Janice for being my sounding board when I need one.

Please, if possible, make a donation to our service to keep it "free" to all Ashfield residents.

Thank you,
Douglas Mollison, Director
Ashfield Ambulance

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT
ON THE MARY PRISCILLA HOWES FUND

Again, for the second year in a row, the Finance Committee received no applications for the Mary Priscilla Howes Fund.

The purpose of the fund is to fund projects or programs which are historical in nature or enhance the culture of Ashfield.

As of January 1, 1996, the fund has a balance of $12,098.25 of which $11,116.40 is principal.

Application forms may be obtained at the Town Office or from any member of the Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Cranston, Chairman

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

This has been both a difficult and exciting year for the Town of Ashfield. After many years of discussion, argument and hard work, the Town has embarked on a program of building that will carry us prepared and ready for the next century. The Board of Selectmen, Finance committee, Board of Assessors, Board of Health, Conservation Committee, ADA committee, Historical Commission, School Building Committee and Water District have all worked together to begin the construction of an infrastructure we can all be proud of. In this past year we have begun a sewer collection system and treatment plant, a new Water distribution system, the modification of Town Hall to allow ALL of our citizens equal access to the heart of government, and a new school.

Little of this effort has come easy. We have lived through a long and severe winter. But we cleared and patched our roads and waited for Spring. Differences of opinion often led to loud debate and rancorous meetings, but they were all for the varying visions of how to make Ashfield a better place to live. We all learned the need for consensus and compromise which also makes Ashfield a better place to live. We needed our Human Relations Commission this year to remind us of the importance of tolerance of and sensitivity toward our neighbors. That lesson again serves to make Ashfield a better place to live.

The job is not finished. We now face many challenges. We must decide what to do with the Sanderson building when the new school is finished. We must find a different place for the highway department so it no longer infringes on the Belding Park land. We must find an affordable way to maintain the quality of service we have come to enjoy. And above all we must always continue to find ways to make Ashfield a better place to live.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Perlman, Chair
Donald L. Robinson
M. Dianne Muller
Board of Selectmen

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

NOTE: This warrant is for the voter's information only and changes, additions and/or deletions may occur prior to the posting of the Official Warrant.

FRANKLIN, SS:

To any of the Constables of the Town of Ashfield in the County of Franklin, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Ashfield, on Saturday, May fourth, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. TO CHOOSE A MODERATOR, AUDITOR, TOWN CLERK, TREASURER, and TREE WARDEN, all for ONE YEAR TERMS. A FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER and a LIBRARY TRUSTEE, all for TWO YEAR TERMS. A SELECTMAN, ASSESSOR, FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER, SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER, BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBER and PARK COMMISSIONER all for THREE YEAR TERMS. A PLANNING BOARD MEMBER and A LIBRARY TRUSTEE all for FIVE YEAR TERMS. Polls shall close at 6:00 pm.

ARTICLE 2. TO ACT ON THE REPORTS OF THE TOWN OFFICERS.

ARTICLE 3. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO CREATE AN ASHFIELD BY-LAW RENAMING THE ASHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN AS ASHFIELD SELECT BOARD, SAID BOARD TO HAVE ALL THE POWERS AND DUTIES USUALLY CONFERRED UPON THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE AND/OR TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS IN THE TREASURY OR BORROW THE FOLLOWING SUMS OF MONEY TO PAY FOR THE EXPENSES OF GENERAL GOVERNMENT, or act relative thereto:

Administrative Assistant	$16,390.00
Accountant	8,500.00
Appeals Board	550.00
Assessor's Expenses	20,360.00
Audit & Accounting	3,000.00
Bonds	800.00
Conservation Commission	500.00
Elections	950.00
Heating Town Buildings	4,000.00

Sewer fee - Town Bldgs.	2,550.00
Insurance: Town Bldg./Equipment	12,000.00
Public Officials Liability	750.00
Office Expenses	6,000.00
Planning Board	1,800.00
Registrars of Voters	500.00
Street Lists	450.00
Tax Collector's Expenses	3,835.00
Town Clerk's Expenses	755.00
Town Counsel	5,000.00
Town Hall Maintenance	5,000.00
Town Hall Painting (Cross)	3,000.00
TOWN OFFICER SALARIES	
Selectman, Chr.	1,500.00
Selectmen (2@ $1250)	2,500.00
Assessor, Chr.	1,500.00
Assessor (2@ $1250)	2,500.00
Moderator	100.00
Tax Collector	4,500.00
Town Clerk	3,500.00
Treasurer	5,500.00
Town Reports	2,200.00
Treasurer's Expenses	1,350.00

ARTICLE 4A. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE AND/OR TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS OR BORROW THE SUM OF $6,500 FOR THE PURCHASE OF DIGITIZING EQUIPMENT FOR THE ASSESSORS, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4B. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE AND/OR TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS IN THE TREASURY OR BORROW THE SUM OF $ 10,000 FOR A RESERVE FUND, or act relative thereto:

ARTICLE 5. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE AND/OR TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS IN THE TREASURY OR BORROW THE FOLLOWING SUMS OF MONEY TO PAY THE EXPENSES OF PUBLIC SAFETY, or act relative thereto:

Franklin Cty. Inspector Program	$19,420.00
Animal Control: Expenses	300.00
Salary	900.00
Fire Chief's Salary	900.00
Fire Department	19,415.00
Fire Protection	1,693.52
Fuel Exp. Acct: Fire	750.00
Highway/Amb	15,000.00
Police	4,000.00

Police Chief's Salary	31,046.00
Police Chief Holiday Pay	1,194.00
Police Department	39,661.00
Drug/Alcohol testing	500.00
Tree Warden	3,500.00

ARTICLE 6. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE AND/OR TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUND OR BORROW THE FOLLOWING SUMS OF MONEY TO PAY HIGHWAY AND ROAD EXPENSES, or act relative thereto:

General Highway	$90,000.00
Machinery Maintenance	50,000.00
Highway Equipment/ truck	48,500.00
Street Lights	3,314.00
Hwy. Superintendent's Salary	33,466.00
Winter Roads	74,500.00

ARTICLE 7. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE AND/OR TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS OR BORROW THE FOLLOWING SUMS TO FUND THE FOLLOWING CULTURAL/RECREATIONAL COSTS, or act relative thereto:

Belding Memorial Library	$20,000.00
Historical Commission	200.00
Human Relations Commission	600.00
Lifeguard	5,000.00
Memorial Day	500.00
Parks and Beach	3,890.00
Youth Activities	4,500.00

ARTICLE 7A. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE AND/OR TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS OR BORROW THE FOLLOWING SUM FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF BELDING PARK, or act relative thereto:

Improvements	$10,000.00

ARTICLE 8. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE AND/OR TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS OR BORROW THE FOLLOWING SUMS OF MONEY TO PAY THE COSTS OF SANITATION SERVICES, or act relative thereto:

Hilltown Resource Management	$6,005.93
Inspector of Animals	200.00
Transfer Station	48,000.00

ARTICLE 9. TO SEE IT THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND AP-

PROPRIATE AND/OR TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS OR BORROW MONIES TO PAY THE FOLLOWING HEALTH SERVICES EXPENSES, or act relative thereto:

Foothills Health District	$12,300.00
Health Board Expenses	500.00
Health Board Salary (3@ $450)	1,350.00

ARTICLE 10. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE AND/OR TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS OR BORROW THE FOLLOWING SUMS OF MONEY FOR THE FISCAL 1996 OPERATING COST BUDGET OF THE SCHOOLS, or act relative thereto:

School Committee (3@ $450)	$1,350.00
Mohawk Trail K12 District	1,094,354.11

ARTICLE 11. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE AND/OR TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS OR BORROW THE FOLLOWING SUMS TO PAY FOR HUMAN SERVICES, or act relative thereto:

Care of Soldiers' Graves	$ 700.00
Council on Aging	2,402.00
Veteran's Benefits	100.00
W. Franklin Vets Dist.	3,140.14

ARTICLE 12. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE OR TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS OR BORROW THE FOLLOWING SUMS TO PAY SEWER EXPENSES, or act relative thereto:

Total System Costs	$55,450.00
Debt Service: Principal	6,243.00
Interest	27,008.14

ARTICLE 13. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE AND/OR TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS OR BORROW THE FOLLOWING DEBT SERVICE ACCOUNTS, or act relative thereto.

Debt Exclusion:

Fire Truck Loan: Principal	$40,000.00
Interest	4,500.00
Sewer Debt: Principal	14,567.00
Interest	63,018.00
Handicap Access: Principal	20,000.00
Interest	3,800.00
School Capital Principal	115,086.86

Other:	
Interest on Loans	5,000.00

ARTICLE 14. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE AND/OR TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS OR BORROW THE FOLLOWING SUMS OF MONEY TO DEFRAY CHARGES FOR EMPLOYEE BENEFIT ACCOUNTS, or act relative thereto:

Health Insurance	$35,500.00
Medicare	9,500.00
Retirement System	21,810.00
Sick Leave	7,605.00
Unemployment	500.00
Vacations, Personal, Bereav	14,050.00
Worker's Compensation	8,500.00

ARTICLE 15. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE SELECTMEN TO DISPOSE OF ANY USED TOWN OWNED EQUIPMENT AND/OR PROPERTY, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 16. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF 1995 AMBULANCE EARNINGS AND GIFTS TOTALING $4,156 DEPOSITED IN THE AMBULANCE MAINTENANCE FUND TO BE USED TO MAINTAIN AND EQUIP THE TOWN AMBULANCE, or act relative thereto.

ASHFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Under the provisions of Mass. General Law Chapter 40, Section 8d, the Ashfield Historical Commission has a legally defined role with regard to historic preservation within the community and a commenting role on environmental impacts at the local level. The Commission is charged with the responsibility of identifying, evaluating and protecting important historical and archaeological assets of the town of Ashfield; it is the agency which ensures that preservation concerns are included in community planning and development.

Ashfield is fortunate in having had a diligent Commission since 1985, resulting in a town-wide survey of historic properties, sites, structures, monuments, objects and cemeteries. The survey document is now accessible to the public at Town Hall, the Belding Memorial Library, the Historical Society Museum and at the Massachusetts Historical Commission in Boston. Following submission of the survey, Main Street and its environs were placed in the State Register of Historic Places and nominated for inclusion in the National Register. The National Register status was conferred on the Ashfield Plain Historic District in 1991.

Register properties have been the primary focus of concern to the Commission for the past year. The Town Hall preservation-accessibility project has been brought to fruition and we think you will agree that neither historical integrity nor improved accessibility was sacrificed in bringing the jewel of the District up to code.

Main Street itself seemed at risk in 1995 due to Mass. Highways plans for resurfacing the stretch of RT 116 which runs through the Ashfield Plain Historic District. The rural nature of Main Street would surely be destroyed by a 38' wide swath of pavement with nonmountable granite curbs and formal cement sidewalks on either side; the proposed design would divide the village center "as effectively as any DMZ," as one concerned resident put it. The Commission and the community responded with the Main Street Design Ad Hoc Committee which put in many hours eliciting citizen response and proposing alternative designs. One result was the submission of an ISTEA grant proposal for use of Ashfield Flat Stone rather than poured concrete walkways. At this writing, we have received word that the Commission's proposal was ranked #1 of all submissions; we hope to report success in next year's Town Report.

The Commission meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, and in compliance with open meeting laws, Ashfield residents are invited and encouraged to attend. Attendance at ad hoc committee meetings and the recently formed Western Mass. Commissioners' meetings are also open to interested residents. Indeed, a great deal of work over the past year was done by non-Commission members, most especially Stuart Harris, Jack Werner and Harry Dodson. Our thanks!

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Keith, Chair
Ruth Craft Susan McGowan
John Bos Eric Nelson John Baldwin

ASHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

According to the Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs the state has lost more than 28% of it's wetlands acreage since 1780. Wetlands provide important public benefits. They help control flooding, purify our water supplies by filtering out pollutants and sediments, provide recreational and educational opportunities, and provide habitat for fisheries and wildlife. In response to this loss of resources, the Massachusetts Legislature passed laws to protect Wetlands and other resources beginning in 1964. In 1972, the legislature combined these laws into the Wetlands Protection Act, Massachusetts General Law 131 Section 40. For the past twenty-five years this law has been administered by local volunteers and the associated regulations are still evolving to serve the varied needs of landowners while protecting vital natural resources for the public good. The Wetlands Protection Act is for the most part a locally administered law. Municipalities are legally mandated to form a Conservation Commission to conduct the permitting process required under the Wetlands Protection Act and it's Regulations, (Code of Massachusetts Regulations, CMR 310 10.00). However, local Conservation Commissions undertake other conservation and environmental protection activities.

The Ashfield Conservation Commission ("Commission") is comprised of five volunteer citizens who are appointed by the Select Board to protect and preserve the natural resources of the town and protect the public interest as defined by the statute. Through the application of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and its permitting regulations, the Commission strives to protect water quality and other natural resources in Ashfield. A majority of the regular business of the Commission involves review of applications know as Requests for Determination and Notices of Intent which request identification and agreement on the types and boundaries of protected resources. More importantly these applications list specific measures to be undertaken during the construction of proposed projects to protect resource areas under the Commission's jurisdiction. After holding public hearings, the Commission issues an Order of Conditions that guides the proposed activities adjacent or within the identified wetlands resource areas.

During the past two years, the Commission has reviewed 2 Requests for Determination, 21 Notices of Intent, held 23 Public Hearings, and issued 21 Orders of Conditions, permitting work within protected natural resource areas. Projects reviewed included several large municipal construction and building projects including the reconstruction of Main Street, the Solar Aquatic Plant, and the siting of the new Sanderson Academy elementary school. Ashfield collects fees from non -municipal and State projects to support the activities of the Commission.

The volunteer members of the Commission have diverse backgrounds which are invaluable when reviewing wetlands protection issues. Com-

mission members have backgrounds in the fields of Wetland Biology, Soils Science, Agriculture, Landscape Architecture and Small Business Ownership. In addition, the Commission stays current with new developments in the Wetlands Protection Act regulations as they apply to wetland resources, water quality, forestry, soil sciences and wildlife habitat by going to training and field workshops. For example, Commission members attended an intensive wetlands plant identification work at Bear Swamp Reservation with Bob McMaster a Plant Biologist from Smith College. Several members were also able to attend State sponsored workshops on changes in the Forestry Cutting Practice Act Regulations and changes in wetlands boundary identification utilizing plants communities and hydric soils assessment.

The Commission also recognizes the importance of public education and strives to promote stewardship of the outstanding natural resources contained within the Town of Ashfield. The Commission asks that all residents of Ashfield seriously consider the consequences of their activities on the land as they relate to the environment and especially as they impact ground and surface water quality within the Town.

During 1994 and 1995, the Commission accepted with regret the resignations of Dan Phelps and Don Lesure and the Commission members wish to thank them and their family members for their commitment and time spent on the town's behalf. Two new members were appointed to the Commission in 1994 and 1995. They are Eric Nelson of Beldingville Road and Betty Stewart of Bronson Avenue.

Members of the Commission wish to thank Dick Muller (who remains a member) for his four years of leadership in the role of Commission Chair. In February 1996 the Commission reorganized. Eric Nelson was elected Chair. Steve Tilley and Betty Stewart were elected Co-Secretaries and Dick Muller was elected Treasurer.

The Commission meets regularly on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall. The public is welcome and residents are encouraged to attend. Minutes of all open meetings are available upon request for review, as are site plans of all work under Commission jurisdiction. The volunteer members of the Commission look forward to protecting the natural resources of Ashfield in the coming year and serving the community.

Respectfully submitted,

The members of the Ashfield Conservation Commission

Eric Nelson, Chair

Bill Fitzgerald

Steve Tilley

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